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Dear Sirs,

Brooklands Farm

I am writing to register my objections to the continuing overdevelopment of this area and its consequences on the current populations.

We have already seen great problems with flooding within the Chestfield and surrounding areas. Each time an estate has been built up there has not been sufficient new drainage, resulting in flow being directed into existing water channels. I have already lost one car due to flooding under the flyover at Radfall Road.

New housing means greater need for sewage management. We have seen the seas surrounding Whitstable and Herne Bay polluted time and again with discharges causing illness to bathers and surfers. What measures for dealing with further capacity do you have in mind?

We already have gridlock at peak traffic times between the towns; this before even the current houses under development are inhabited. Cutting up our country roads to make race tracks for more cars harms wildlife in the area, and reduces valuable farmland, and in turn and noise causes light and air pollution.

For decades there has been talk of a new reservoir to increase the need of water supply. We have had water restrictions for many summer months and with climate change the need will be greater still. Even if a new reservoir was started now, it would be years before usage.

And where will people be able to go when they are ill?. With Canterbury hospital downgraded, travelling to and from Ashford or Thanet, totally out of our area, and time well over the golden hour to get there if you have a heart attack.

Getting appointments to see doctors (never your own) or weeks to see specialists, is already at a premium. People who come here have great difficulty in getting a NHS Dentist. Not everyone can afford a private dentist. All these needs turn into greater and more expensive problems when not taken care of in the first instances.

Modern housing estates means great swathes of buildings with as many houses as crammed in as possible, with small gardens and least parking. Where are the jobs for all these people?

I have lived in this area for over 60 years and seen great, and not always good, changes. It would be very sad to destroy two or three happy towns and exchange them for a complete metropolis.

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