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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am registering my strong objection to Policy W4 Lands at Brooklands Farm primarily because the proposed development of 1400 homes will add to the burden of an already over-burdened and overstretched water and sewage infrastructure that is unable to cope with existing demand.

Not so long ago we seemed to have rivers of water flowing out of what seemed to be burst pipes everywhere. I do not want my sewer pipes to go the same way.

We have already had to deal with the particularly high amount of sewage discharge into the sea which has resulted in many cases of serious illness. People are being made sick when they go for a swim. We live by the sea. We should be able to use the water safely. We cannot.

This development will increase traffic congestion when we already experience gridlock when the roads need repair which is on a very regular basis. That should be an indication that the roads have as much traffic as they can deal with. My route between home in Whitstable and work in Canterbury is dotted with potholes. The potholes cannot be fixed fast enough, and even when fixed seemed to have broken down again, sometimes within a very short space of time. The additional traffic also adds to pollution, detrimental to our air quality.

The increase in number of residents will add to the burden of insufficient GP/Dentist appointments, as well as an increased demand on school/nursery places, veterinary services, emergency services, hospital beds. It's bad enough that I have been expected to travel to Ashford for a procedure as simple as having my ears syringed. We do not have the infrastructure for additional people.

This development will also lead to the loss of valuable agricultural land and the loss of Whitstable's countryside. The world is currently in a situation where we may be at war in the very near future. We will need to be able to feed the country, and at every turn valuable agricultural land on which food can be grown is being built on.

I find it difficult to get house insurance as it is because my home is deemed to be in a flood risk area, and the council wants to add more concrete, which raises the risk of flooding.

The town and the area has already seen diminished wildlife habitat and biodiversity. The number of fireflies to be seen at night is woeful if compared with 30 years ago.

The council also wants a development at Blean to go ahead. At this rate Whitstable to Canterbury will be at a total standstill. People don't just live in the town. They also travel to the areas around the town.

Yours Faithfully,

Derretta Branche

