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Dear Planners,

I wish to **object** to the proposed housing development at Brooklands Farm in Chestfield for the following reasons:-

- 1) There is already a disproportionate number of new housing developments in the area with many properties remaining unsold, due to the unaffordable prices.
- 2) As the ground in this area is based on clay, we already have much flooding. Concreting of more green space land will only increase this problem.
- 3) As we are beginning to suffer from a shortage of food grown in this country, we should not be building on any good agricultural land, but encouraging our farmers with subsidies to provide us with food. We are paying over the odds for imported food which is stored in inert gases, instead of being available fresh from our farmers.
- 4) Due to insufficient water storage facilities provided by South East Water, we currently do not have sufficient supplies of fresh water to be able to supply any new housing developments. Every year we suffer from hosepipe bans during summer which precludes home owners from growing their own garden produce.
- 5) Southern water is currently unable to stop pumping sewerage into our seas in times of heavy rain, so building more houses will only exacerbate this problem.
- 6) Traffic at the roundabout on Chestfield Road/Thanet Way is often congested making it difficult for drivers from Chestfield Road to be able to get onto the Thanet Way. Any idea of connecting a turn-off from the New Thanet Way onto Chestfield Road and South Street is simply crazy, as it is already difficult for elderly people in the area to be able to cross over Chestfield Road, due to the already heavy traffic flow coming to and from Canterbury.
- 7) We are unable to get a doctor's appointment at Chestfield Medical Centre as the health centre is already over-subscribed with patients in this area. We are also unable to get any NHS dental treatment. Adding more people in this area will only worsen an already bad situation.
- 8) The current massive house building is having a detrimental effect on everyone's quality of life due to the huge increase in traffic, noise levels and subsequent air pollution caused by the increase in vehicles. Every new house that is built is likely to put two or three more cars on our roads. So, 1400 new houses at Brooklands Farm will likely mean that over 4,000 more cars will be travelling along our already congested local roads. This is absolutely unacceptable. Our government is supposed to have a "Green Agenda", but polluting our atmosphere in the area with more vehicles (both residential and commercial delivery vans) is contrary to government policy. Our roads in the area are in a dreadful state with masses of potholes that Kent County Council already admit to not having enough funding to repair them all.

9) Removing more trees and vegetation will impact on our air quality, biodiversity and conservation. Many species of wildlife are dying out because of this crazy trend of building on our greenspaces.

In summary, allowing this development to go ahead makes no sense at all and I hope that you will refuse planning permission for this development.

Yours faithfully

David Wolfson

