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Dear Sirs,

I wish to strongly object to policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) of the draft Local Plan to 2040 for the following reasons:

1. There are already far too many houses being built in the Whitstable/Herne Bay area. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE.
2. The number of cars will increase by at least two per house in all probability. The number of cars in the area is far too great leading to traffic jams and higher pollution. We already suffer traffic jams in Swalecliffe at the weekends with the number of cars using St John's Road and this is increasing at a large rate.
3. Increased flood risk downstream on the Swalecliffe Brook. At present heavy rain sits on the farmland before it slowly evaporates or trickles into the Brook. which already floods when the river level rises over the riverbanks as happened in February.
4. Lack of health facilities. It is impossible to see a GP these days as I have found out recently. This can only get worse with yet more housing. There are no more GPs, hospitals, dentists, schools or pharmacies being built alongside all this expansion!
5. There will be even more water supply issues. We have reduced water pressure on a regular basis as there are too many demands on the existing limited water supplies. Whilst a new reservoir has been promised for at least the 42 years we have lived here, we have yet to see any evidence of it being built.
6. The proposed new junction linking the A299 to Chestfield Rd and South Street would create huge increases in traffic, and therefore road safety problems, pollution and noise in residential areas.
7. What little farmland that remains should be used for growing crops and grazing sheep and cattle, not for yet more unnecessary housing. In the current post Brexit society we should be looking to be more self reliant on producing our own food, not importing it at huge cost to the environment. Is the Government not supposed to be trying to create less carbon footprint? Excessive housing, as there is in this

part of Kent, can only be detrimental to that. We are no longer the Garden of England but the Concrete Jungle of England.

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