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I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed housing development on Brookland Farm. This specific project raises several significant concerns that have not been adequately addressed in the planning.

Brookland Farm is a precious green field site, offering a vital sanctuary for wildlife and contributing to the overall ecological balance of our community. The destruction of this green space would result in the loss of biodiversity and disrupt the delicate ecosystem that currently thrives in the area. Preserving such natural habitats is essential for maintaining a sustainable environment and ensuring the well-being of future generations.

Furthermore, the proposed development fails to adequately address the potential sewage issues that may arise. Brookland Farm is situated in an area that already faces challenges with sewage infrastructure. The increased strain on the existing system due to the additional housing units could lead to overflows, pollution of water sources, and a decline in water quality. It is essential to thoroughly evaluate and address these concerns to avoid any negative consequences for both residents and the environment.

Without significant and specific investment from Southern Water, there is a very real danger that the estimated additional 420 tonnes of sewage that this site will generate, will end up directly in the sea. Aside from a bigger outfall pipe, there is no intention by Southern Water to invest in the plant to cope with this additional burden.

Lastly, the proposed development on Brookland Farm raises the risk of increased flooding in the surrounding areas. The farm's green fields currently act as natural drainage, absorbing excess rainwater during heavy rainfall and reducing the likelihood of flooding. The replacement of these fields with impermeable surfaces such as buildings and roads would disrupt the natural drainage system and potentially exacerbate flooding issues, placing both existing and future residents at risk.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed housing development on Brookland Farm. The preservation of this green field site, the mitigation of sewage issues, the protection of wildlife and their habitats, and the prevention of flooding should be of utmost importance. It is crucial to explore alternative options that prioritise sustainable development and do not compromise the well-being of our community and environment.

Thank you for considering these concerns and taking the appropriate action.

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