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Policy R5 - Bread and Cheese Field

I wish to oppose the inclusion of the Bread and Cheese Field (SCLAA 163) at a strategic site for housing in the draft CDLP 2040 for the following reasons.

Westbere is a hamlet made up of two winding lanes (Westbere Lane and Church Lane) + Bushy Hill Road, a major way into the village from the A28. In the layered map the Settlement of Westbere does not include Headley's field, seeming to indicate that the majority of the houses in Bushy Hill are not in the Settlement of Westbere. But Bushy Hill Road is clearly in Westbere and the Settlement map needs to be amended. Proposing the Bread and Cheese Field for development would result in there being no Green Gap between the villages of Westbere and Hersden. Planning expectations demand that there should be green gaps between villages to avoid coalescing of neighbourhoods; therefore the Bread and Cheese Field cannot be developed.

Planning permission has already been given (and development started in the case of Hoplands) for three major sites (previous Mine site, Hoplands and Persimmon site to the north of Hersden) - a minimum of 1600 houses in the village of Hersden. Including extensive new developments in Thanet, the A28 is already at breaking point at peak times. Access onto it can be difficult before most of this building has even started. The 152 houses proposed for the Bread and Cheese Field would possibly produce up to 300 cars accessing the A28, immediately adjacent to a busy school site. All these sites are asking too much of an already overused A road. Island Road approaching Sturry would become impossible; parked cars already reduce it to two narrow lanes - impassible for buses and HGVs, of which there are already too many.

Due to the water pollution at Stodmarsh SSSI and Ramsar Site and the resulting sewage collections from new build sites, sewage tankers are a new addition to local roads.

And infrastructure in the area has not grown as these developments progress. Doctors' surgeries are at breaking point, dentists impossible to find and the water pressure is already compromised; the Broad Oak reservoir, still only a proposal, will take many years to become useful if indeed the plan ever gets off the ground.

Using the 2014 ONES figures for allocating possible need for new housing in the Canterbury district has already been accepted as excessive; indeed ACRA (Alliance of Canterbury Residents Association) has reported the same.