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Dear Sirs and Madams Councillors.

My main concern is the land between Bekesbourne Lane and the Hill in Littlebourne near Howlets Zoo. Gladman are proposing to build 300 homes there and you have included that site on the plan. Why did you when you turned down Gladmans original plan for 300 homes a couple of years ago?

There are a myriad of reasons it should stay a green space for farming our food as it happens to be grade 1 Agricultural land. That is not common.

Sewage is another highly important issue. We already cannot cope with all the sewage produced in this village especially when it rains hard as it has a lot lately. Several pooh lorries a day have to suck out the drains in Nargaate St to stop waste overflowing already. Some people can not use their downstairs toilet. Gladmans propose installing a filtration system but I believe it would only take out solid matter. Then dirty infected water would be flowing down the hill to the High st when it rains.

Fresh water is another issue. Lately we have had a lot of rain but in drier years there could be worsening water shortage with the higher population.

Roads:- They are a mess. There are already so many pot holes on the left going up the hHill that drivers want to go over to the centre of the road to avoid them so therefore preventing two way traffic. There are always accidents happening of drivers hitting the chickanes traffic calming measures. Bekesboune Lane is in a shocking state half road half pot holes. A continuous stream of heavy lorries bringing building materials will just worsen this situation and all the other roads round here which are in a bad state.

Schools :- There are insufficient places in the Primary School here now for local children. Most Mums have to drive their children to another village or Canterbury for their children's School. Even though it is farmland nature can still thrive there and is beautiful and pleasing to the eye. I have seen Buzzards and other raptors flying over that land and it has edges that are not farmed where there is a corridor for wildlife. So many houses and street lights will cause light pollution which is bad for nature too. Britain is one of the most wild species depleted countries in the world, this would worsen the situation.

Re the Land by the doctors Surgery up Court Hill, Littlebourne:-
You have increased the number to 50 homes now on that site from 35. All the reasons I outlined above apply to this site too. Can you imagine if both sites are built on at the same time all the main roads in Littlebourne will be gridlocked with lorries and pose a danger to pedestrians especially children and the elderly. Imagine those big lorries trying to go past the school at peak times when it is chaotic there anyway. They would be a real danger for parents and children outside the school.

I ask you the council to find other ways of meeting the Governments housing targets, eg brown field sites and renovating empty houses.

Thankyou for reading my concerns.

Yours
Margaret Muirhead