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I would like to express our objection to the proposed housing development on Brooklands Farm, South Street, Whitstable.

The local area does not have sufficient infrastructure to accommodate the continued development of green field agricultural land.

- 1: The water treatment facility is already overstretched and has to flush untreated sewage into the sea periodically which itself is a health hazard.
- 2: Doctors surgeries are at capacity, just try and get an appointment.
- 3: Hospitals are at breaking point and lives are being put at risk everyday, the sustained building in the catchment of our NHS primary care trust is completely irresponsible, they cannot cope with the population they already have. To expect them to be able to deliver a safe effective service when the population in this area is increasing so rapidly is going to result in longer delays in all areas of the hospitals not just A&E which is completely unacceptable. The result is inevitable, people are going to die.
- 4: Roads in this area are already busy, another 3000+ cars on the road with this development alone will cause even more congestion as the roads that would be expected to service it are not designed for large amounts of traffic. The local community will have to endure more traffic noise and pollution, and with the lack of crossings on Chestfield Road I can envisage pedestrians having trouble crossing the main road. The road links for Brooklands Farm are completely inadequate.
- 5: To keep building over greenfield sites destroys essential wildlife habitats and will destabilise ecosystems that will never recover. Ancient hedgerows and water courses would be destroyed and native wildlife pushed out (I'm confident that the lists of wildlife known to frequent the areas affected have been list many times in other letters so I will refrain from listing them, needless to say there are a lot). Brooklands Farm land is a rural greenfield site and should be protected. It is good quality agricultural land and should remain so at a time when as a country we should be trying to encourage farmers to help feed the country.
- 6: I understand also that Brooklands Farm is on London Clay as is the surrounding area. As many of us have experienced subsidence and flooding issues we are very concerned about the loss of natural flood/drainage/green field areas to absorb excess rain. Putting acres and acres of land under concrete would increase the risk of flooding in the local area and consequently put up house insurances and devalue our properties.

I implore that those of you responsible for making decisions on planning realise the concerns and implications that your actions have for the local residents.

Yours sincerely  
Mr & Mrs Douglas Bishop  
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