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From: <u>PAULINE</u> Sent: 15 May 2024 15:05 To: <u>consultation@canterbury.gov.uk</u> Subject: R5 BREAD AND CHEESE FIELD

Dear Sirs

We am writing :

To oppose the proposed housing development on the 'Bread and Cheese Field and

To support the return of the Parish Boundary to Westbere following the 2018 Parish Boundary Review when it was lost to the newly created Hersden Parish which very few Westbere Parishioners were aware of at the time and of the possible repercussions for the future.

The importance of **Westbere** as a village cannot be under estimated with a documented Saxon burial site on this land, a 14th century Norman church, the amazing Westbere Lake Walk and last, but not least, Kent's oldest pub. It has a very active village Parish Council which are doing all they can to preserve this unique and quintessentially English village for future generations.

Currently the infrastructure is poor to support yet more houses – there have been NO new primary schools or GP services since the Hoplands development and West Kent sites at Hersden (as was agreed in the local plan).

Surrounding Westbere are sprawling developments in Hersden, Sturry and Broad Oak but surely in your plans there must be a green space for a unique village or are the Council trying to cover all the countryside etc with housing developments without any interruption in this sprawl for greener living environments. It is a well documented fact that greener living environments are linked to less physiological stress symptoms, lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol and lower incidence of type 2 diabetes and general wellbeing.

We urge you to take the above into consideration and 'give Westbere with all its unique history etc a chance to survive for future generations to enjoy'

Yours faithfully

Pauline and Keith Witchell

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