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I object to the Local Plans proposal 3.9 – 3.18 policy W4 to develop Brooklands Farm

As a resident of [REDACTED] Whitstable, I object to the above proposal for the following reasons:

Dangerous Increase in traffic

Increasing the volume of traffic along an already over used and narrow road network is irresponsible considering the nature of the local roads concerned. Thornden Wood Rd, Radfall Rd and Hackington Rd already suffer from too much traffic, with barely enough room for passing buses and inconsiderate, impatient drivers trying to overtake cyclists on blind bends. Prone to flooding and potholes, the only possible outcome would be many more accidents and delays along this stretch of road.

The proposed slip road from the A2990 is beyond comprehension when the proposed area is already prone to severe flooding which has been exacerbated from previous developments in Chestfield. Creating such a junction would increase traffic congestion feeding onto narrow roads.

The proposed diversion from South St will not deter those who wish to access the opposite end of the development who will simply stay on South St for simpler access. The proposed entrance to the diversion on South St will again only lead to congestion and pollution and is simply not practical due to the narrow streets it leads onto!

Residents from No 91 – 125 South St do not have their own individual off-road parking provision. The parking layby desperately needs expanding as many cars are forced to park hazardously on the pavement. This already impacts on traffic and needs to be addressed as a priority. More traffic passing on this stretch of road will make it even harder for residents to park. There is no where else they can go to park their vehicles..

Flooding

As previously mentioned, Radfall Rd is prone to flooding, as are parts of South Street when run-off from the fields (due to over concreting on the Joseph Wilson Industrial Park) Just allow the fields to be well maintained and soak up the water before there is even less places for the water to go.

The sewers and drains are old and small and do not cope with the extra households already connected to them. Connecting new developments to already overstretched, old and broken pipes is asking for trouble.

Environmental Concerns

Existing bio-diversity will not be compensated for by any well-meaning inclusion in the local plan. What will happen to the family of white squirrels (I have seen 3 together) by the brook? Together with so many native creatures and the re-wilding of Blean, the whole corridor should be allowed to remain intact for any real biodiversity to exist.

Over Crowding

Whitstable is already becoming unrecognisable with plenty of housing developments already approved, especially those along the Thanet Way between the Wheatsheaf and Tesco roundabout. The town cannot cope with so many people and will lose its unique appeal to seasonal tourism upon which local businesses depend.

Any need for more schools, doctors and dentists is purely in response to the increase of population from the increased housing. When will it end?

Food Sufficiency

We should support local farmers. It should be more profitable for farmers to maintain British grown food supplies, than to sell off their land for un-sustainable housing developments. It is extremely short-sighted to sell off irreplaceable farm land for more concrete and mouths to feed.

I also object to the proposal C12 Land North Of UKC for the very same reasons to the points made above.

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