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Dear Sir / Madam,

I OBJECT to the Brooklands Farmland Development planned between Whitstable South Street and Chestfield for the following reasons:-

- It is a serious loss of agricultural land. Where does the farmer now put his cows and grow his wheat? Does this mean more food requirements have to be imported?
- More of Whitstable's countryside will be lost and more concrete put in its place. Kent was once known as 'The Garden of England', it is now slowly becoming 'The Focus of Concrete' or 'The Concrete Jungle'.
- Swalecliffe Brook flows through this area and parts of this are a flood plain. Does this mean more flooding will occur?
- 4,000 - 5,000 more people will live on this land, therefore, less access to healthcare and dentists already in high demand in the local area.
- More houses means more sewage will be produced so with present policies in place does this mean more sewage in the sea?
- More houses means more water is needed. Our aquifers are already low so will we experience more hosepipe bans? Will a new reservoir be built in this area as this has been talked about since the mid 1970's.
- Assuming that homes now have on average 2 cars per household this development suggests that traffic will increase and thus cause more pollution. Even Swalecliffe is now grid-locked during the mid to late afternoon and as for Canterbury on a Friday afternoon, it is difficult to move anywhere at the moment! At the moment, access to this development will be using unclassified country lanes hardly wide enough for cars to pass in each direction.
- There will be many more children in this development. Where are the schools to supplement the existing ones? At one time secondary pupils could gain places at QEGS in Faversham which is a wonderful secondary school. Now due to large estates being built around Faversham, very few Whitstable pupils can gain places here and so a new secondary school is needed. Swalecliffe Primary School is already overcrowded so a new primary school will also be needed.
- Will the new development have a bus service? The present bus company, Stagecoach, have recently been cutting back their services and they took ages to eventually create a service to serve Estuary View Medical Centre.

Most of my objections are based on the lack of infrastructure in the area and with no plans to improve this. We need more schools, hospitals, health centres, roads etc... to accommodate the extra people coming into this area.

Yours sincerely,

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