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To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge my (and my family's) objections to the above proposed development of some 1400 dwellings, primary school commercial space and community facilities.

My main reasons for objecting are the wholly inadequate transport proposals on this site. South Street is a narrow, winding road that already struggles with traffic issues.

We have seen time and time again the promises made around essential infrastructure on developments not being fulfilled, leaving water supply, drainage, and other key utilities being insufficient for the volume of buildings proposed.

The area to the south west of the proposed development (under the new Thanet Way) regularly floods, causing major traffic disruption and inconvenience. That is before even more run-off caused by more hard landscaping associated with the development. I simply do not believe either developers, or those charged with enforcement of conditions, that there will be adequate drainage installed to address this issue.

1400 new homes will lead to a further increase in demand for various local services, health being key amongst these. It is already nigh on impossible to get an NHS dentist in or near Chestfield – are these new residents simply to be left to cope without such key services? Or are you trying to delude us that it will all be all right?

The volume of traffic will increase significantly further detracting from the village appeal of Chestfield, certainly not enhancing it. The Chestfield Road can already seem like the wild west with speeding drivers – more cars, more poor driving and more people using the road seems like a recipe for more accidents to me.

And before you assume this is simply a NIMBY rant I would point out that I worked in social housing for over 30 years, I believe in people's right to a good home (regardless of tenure,) that homes do have to go somewhere, and furthermore that both my daughter and son are keen to get their own homes in the only village they've known as 'home.' This development, in a less than well serviced part of the district (transport congestion, infrastructure, dentists etc,) is not the right place or scale for this village.

I am also disappointed that having been advised we had until 5:00 pm on 3rd June to register our observations on this development I have been prevented from accessing your planning portal to do so, and have had to resort to doing so by e-mail. I trust my concerns will be considered nonetheless.

Thank you

Richard Robinson

