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WE OBJECT TO THE BROOKLANDS FARM DEVELOPMENT

We the undersigned object to the Brooklands farm development for the following reasons and request that these objections should be put before the planning inspectorate during the consultation period.

UK Food Sustainability

Brooklands farm is designated "Prime Agricultural land" and as such should be kept as the same otherwise the loss of such land will force the UK to import more from elsewhere in the world which will increase costs as well as add to Global warming. This development would also be against Government policy of NOT developing prime agricultural land.

Roads Suitability

There is already overdevelopment in the area [Whitstable Heights, Grasmere Pastures, Planned for Bodkin Farm] which cause lengthy queues on the roads especially at the start and finish of the working days and school opening and closing times. The roads of South St in particular could not cope with the traffic from 1400 new homes, businesses, Schools and shops let alone a new slip road onto the A299 new Thanet way, there would be absolute chaos in the area which is obvious to all local residents and anyone who views the situation with an open mind.

Water supply.

In past years each summer we have had hosepipe bans for months at a time due to the lack of available water and the threat of water being turned off to our homes, the water company is planning on building a new reservoir at Broadoak but this will not open for use until 2036 knowing this thousands of new homes are being built or going through planning already. No further new estates should be considered until the Broadoak reservoir is fully operational.

Sewerage / Surface water

The existing sewerage systems are beyond capacity discharging regularly into the Sea and rivers, to load these with the discharge from the proposed Brooklands farm is inconceivable. Parts of South Street and Chestfield road already suffer from flooding in periods of high rainfall concreting over Brooklands farm will only exacerbate the existing problems.

Healthcare

The existing Hospitals Doctors and Dentists that serve the area are all overloaded already, when trying to get an appointment to see your doctor at Chestfield the reception staff try to offload you to Estuary view because the doctors have no appointments available, on arrival at Estuary view you find that you can wait for two to three hours before you are seen.

Likewise there can be similar if not longer waiting time at A&E in hospitals.

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