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I wish to make my objections known to the above proposed development.

1. The infrastructure of the area will simply not cope. People will not have sufficient access to doctors and dentists. The additional thousands of journeys per day on local roads means traffic chaos and unacceptable delays. South St simply will not cope. I understand Canterbury CC have not actually done any due diligence in to the impact of the thousands of extra car journeys and it is extremely troubling that it is putting forward the largest ever development in Whitstable without firstly establishing the impact on local infrastructure and whether it is even viable.
2. Canterbury CC are the only council in Kent with 5 or more planning applications in 2023 who have approved 100% of applications. It is quite clear anything and everything is being approved with little or no regard for the wellbeing and safety of the residents it is paid to serve.
3. The development contravenes at least one previous planning decision and is hypocrisy at its worst.
4. The proposed development clearly contravenes the Rights of Light legislation with regards to some residents in Blackberry Way. Given the Council have failed to carry out due diligence and are simply approving 100% of applications they receive, I believe the Council have been negligent in their duty of care to residents.
5. The proposed development will increase the amount of sewage, something that is already a massive issue without the addition of 1,400 new homes at Brooklands Farm.
6. The area is prone to flooding and, the removal of yet more grassland that helps to absorb rainwater will make flooding even more dangerous. I would suggest the Council have even failed to consider this in its desire to turn Whitstable in to a concrete jungle.
7. There will be even more loss of agricultural land and make this country ever more reliant on importing food from overseas during a time of significant geopolitical tensions. We need to become more self sufficient, not less and this development will only damage our ability to be self sufficient.
8. It will result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land, in direct contravention of Government policy.
9. I understand that work has been stopped at Grasmere Gardens because the developers are not selling the properties already built. Sadly, this is what happens when you flood an area with new and unnecessary developments. I am also advised there are issues with flooding which, was always going to be the case. The Council had previously and quite rightly refused planning permission at Grasmere Gardens because of flooding concerns. In its desire to meet targets it granted permission when it was always going to be a flood risk. Putting people at risk to meet targets is not acceptable.

In it's efforts to meet Government targets, Canterbury CC have quite clearly been negligent in its approach. Whitstable cannot cope with another development so, please stop this before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,

Nina Osang