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On 16 May 2024, at 18:12, Terry S [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir/madam

I wish to OBJECT in the strongest terms to the proposed redevelopment of this farm land **on the following grounds**

A) There is a total lack of consideration with regards to the infrastructure necessary to support such a major project on the following grounds

i) Drainage -A scheme which will replace porous land with vast impermeable hard surfaces will lead inevitably to a far greater flood risk to both local properties but all those downstream of the Swalecliffe brook and far greater contamination of the sea into which it will eventually enter.

ii) Sewage - It is recognised already the inadequacy of the existing Swalecliffe sewage works and although investment is currently underway to accommodate the current shortfall there are no plans to accommodate the massive sewage output consequent on this development.

Indeed the current works are simply designed to extend the sewage outfall further out to sea without the need to adequately treat the effluent but does not take into

consideration of the effect of the tides which can return the pollution twice daily to our bathing waters and to the detriment of the local seafood and tourist businesses.

iii) Traffic consequences- South street is a narrow semi-rural road never designed to carry large traffic flow with all the adverse consequences to the health of local residents and add to the congestion already suffered.

iv) Health and educational pressures - The current health service is already struggling to cope with existing demand where are the extra resources to be found ?

Where are the extra school places and staff to be resourced?

B) i) Loss of high grade farm land - At a time when the PM is urging for the country to become more self sufficient in food this flies in the face of such a plan

.ii) Loss of habitat- The existing fields support a variety of wild life and also an important green amenity for the local population.

C) i) Where is the local need to build more houses in Whitstable ?

The existing Whitstable Height's development of new housing is being taken up not by local people but rather London Boroughs buying up properties to rehouse their problem families and offset their social service needs and expenses.

There are already further plans accepted to allow more local house building again without

these considerations and it seems that landowners are trying simply to maximise their profits

by selling good agricultural land for personal gain without any consideration of the adverse

impact on the local community.

Regards

Dr Terry Stefani