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Dear Sirs,

I write to strongly object policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) of the draft Local Plan to 2040

The development will have a huge detrimental effect on the local community, infrastructure, and environment.

The main points of my objection are as follows:

- With an extra 1400 homes proposed this will have a detrimental effect on the road infrastructure. The current infrastructure cannot cope with the current volume of traffic. If each home was to have at least one car that would be 1400 extra vehicles on the roads. More realistically many of these houses would have at least 2 cars which could equate to nearly 1800 extra vehicles on the road. Extra pollution aside the existing road infrastructure is not maintained and any current road closures already cause huge issues with congestion.
- There is already a shortage of medical and school places in the local community. With more service users moving in to the area, these services will deteriorate even further. Serious consideration needs to be taken in to the provision of extra doctor surgeries and schools.
- The current sewerage system cannot cope with the current number of houses in the area, resulting in sewerage waste being pumped into the sea on a regular basis. This will only become a larger issue with 1400 new homes. Along with the risk of significantly increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe
- The fresh water supply infrastructure already isn't sufficient for the needs of existing properties. hosepipe bans in the summer will become an inevitability and water pressure is already low in some places.
- Lets not forget the loss of Countryside, wildlife and agricultural land. Kent is meant to be the Garden of England but at the rate it will closer resemble a concrete jungle.
- CCC needs to recognise that housing developments affect the coastal towns much more severely than Canterbury. Canterbury can expand to north, east, south and west. Whitstable can only expand southwards, as it is constrained by marshland to the west, and by Herne Bay to the east. What little farmland that remains within easy walking distance of Whitstable is needed for residents' recreation and well-being as well as to preserve the last vestiges of the natural setting of this tourist destination town. Therefore, the farmland between the Blean woodland and the existing urban edge of Whitstable should be given statutory protection.

For the reasons listed above, the proposals would be unsustainable and would contravene paragraphs 135c, 168, 173, 180a, 180b, 180d and 191b of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

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