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Dear Sir/Madam,

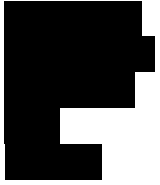
I OBJECT to the above proposed housing development.

There are several reasons for my objection. The fundamental problem is that too many houses will be built in the area which will cause a series of environmental and social problems.

- **Loss of Farmland.** Once developed this prime agricultural land will be lost forever. With future pressures through global warming and other environmental factors we cannot afford to lose precious farmland.
- **Sewage Pollution.** We already have a catastrophic situation in the locality with sewage pollution due to an inappropriate, obsolete sewage system that is not fit for purpose. The proposed housing development will add hugely to an already unacceptable sewage pollution problem.
- **Water Supply.** Canterbury is already a water stressed area. There are already concerns over water shortages. There was talk of building a reservoir at Broad Oak when I was studying in Canterbury in the late 1970's. Nothing has been done about this issue. Indeed, I believe flooding the Sarre Penn valley would also be an act of environmental vandalism. There are currently massive issues over pollution of rivers and water courses due to run off from similar housing schemes. There is currently a halt on large scale housing in Kent due to nitrate pollution levels at Stodmarsh. The proposed housing development of 1500 units will worsen the situation still further.
- **Traffic.** Canterbury is already far too car dependent and is regularly overwhelmed with traffic flow problems in the city and surrounding area. The addition of what is likely to be more than a thousand cars on our roads due to the proposed development will make travel in the area a nightmare. There is no integrated cycle lane provision in the town offering an alternative safe mode of transport. two thousand more houses means more cars, pollution, noise and danger to pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Wildlife and Biodiversity.** Housing developments on prime agricultural land reduce the options for wildlife and biodiversity. The Blean Woods complex is a vital natural resource. Rather than building more houses on that land it should be developed as a wildlife corridor between existing woodlands. Wildlife is already under huge pressure due to human activity, particularly with loss of habitat. The proposed development will destroy habitat for nature.
- **Infrastructure.** Our local health service is already overworked and under-resourced. Local schools will be over-burdened with the huge increase in children in the town.
- **Rural Character and Heritage.** The villages of Blean and Tyler Hill have a long history of rural life, with the wonderful Blean Woods. Continually 'filling in' these great swathes of farmland is destroying the character and quality of life in the area - a character and quality of life that local people cherish. We have already had several large estates built in recent years in the Canterbury area. Huge amounts of new housing is proposed for Canterbury. Where will this obsession with house building end? How many houses are sitting empty in Canterbury, or being used as second home investments, or AIRBNB's? These issues need to be addressed at a local and national level.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I OBJECT to the proposed housing development at Brooklands Farm between Chestfield and Whitstable. There are several reasons for my objection.

The fundamental problem is that too many houses will be built in the area which will cause a series of environmental and social problems:

- **Loss of Farmland.** Once developed this prime agricultural land will be lost forever. With future pressures through global warming and other environmental factors we cannot afford to lose precious farmland.
- **Sewage Pollution.** We already have a catastrophic situation in the locality with sewage pollution due to an inappropriate, obsolete sewage system that is not fit for purpose. The proposed housing development will add hugely to an already unacceptable sewage pollution problem.
- **Water Supply.** Whitstable is already a water stressed area. There are already concerns over water shortages. There was talk of building a reservoir at Broad Oak when I was studying in Canterbury in the late 1970's. Nothing has been done about this issue. Indeed, I believe flooding the Sarre Penn valley would also be an act of environmental vandalism. There are currently massive issues over pollution of rivers and water courses due to run off from similar housing schemes. There is currently a halt on large scale housing in Kent due to nitrate pollution levels at Stodmarsh. The proposed housing development of 1500 units will worsen the situation still further.
- **Traffic.** Whitstable is already far too car dependant and is regularly overwhelmed with traffic flow problems in the town and surrounding area. The addition of what is likely to be more than a thousand cars on our roads due to the proposed development will make travel in the area a nightmare. There is no integrated cycle lane provision in the town offering an alternative safe mode of transport. More houses means more cars, pollution, noise and danger to pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Wildlife and Biodiversity.** Housing developments on prime agricultural land reduce the options for wildlife and biodiversity. In the winter Fieldfare, Redwing and other winter visitors will no longer be able to forage on the open farmland that exists at the moment. Wildlife is already under huge pressure due to human activity, particularly with loss of habitat. The proposed development will destroy habitat for nature.
- **Infrastructure.** Our local health service is already overworked and under-resourced. Local schools will be over-burdened with the huge increase in children in the town.
- **Rural Character and Heritage.** We live in a rural area, with a long history of rural life, with the wonderful Blean Woods, the marshes and wider landscape. Continually 'filling in' these great swathes of farmland is destroying the character and quality of life in the area - a character and quality of life that local people cherish. We have already had several large estates built in recent years in the Whitstable area. Currently 550 houses are going up at Whitstable Heights. Where will this obsession with house building end? How many houses are sitting empty in Whitstable, being used as second home investments, or AIRBNB's? These issues need to be addressed at a local and national level.

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