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**Subject:** Land of the Hill Littlebourne R7

Dear All

My concerns regarding this development and it's effects on the Village of Littlebourne.

### SEWAGE

Littlebourne's aged sewage system built in the early 1950s cannot cope with present demands on it with tankering in Nargate Street started in the winter and set to continue for as yet an unknown date.

If this development of 300 properties is allowed Nargate Street Properties will be at risk from sewage flooding and tankering could be a permanent occurrence not only in Nargate Street but throughout the Village.

### SURFACE WATER.

1. The land on which this development is proposed has a land drainage system one metre below the surface, this volume of soil above the land drains has the capacity to hold a vast amount of water before being slowly released in the drainage ditch and then through the 225mm pipe (referred to in Gladman's documents) into the Highway drain.

However if this site is developed the land drainage system which extends above and well beyond the proposed development will become inoperative and with the land covered in tarmac and concrete the surface water will run off at a much faster rate.

2. At the lower end of the site below the level of the drainage ditch and Bekesbourne Lane comprising at least one third of the total area of the development which currently does not discharge into the drainage ditch and highway drain, however it is now proposed to pump all this additional surface water up to and into the drainage ditch and into the highway drain, a system that only just copes with the current amount of surface water in times of heavy rainfall.

3. The Highway Drain that this site discharges into already carries surface water from the top of the Hill, the High Street, Nargate Street and then into the river.

The destruction of the existing land drainage system and the extra surface water from the lower end of this proposed development poses a serious risk of flooding to the High Street and Nargate Street.

Cllr Mick Giles

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