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Dear Sir or Madam

I am emailing to express my objections to the proposed development scheme at **Brooklands farm** (Chestfield).

My objections are:

1. Local health services are currently significantly overwhelmed. My mother (in her 80s) had to wait for 2 weeks before even being able to have a telephone consultation with her doctor (at Chestfield) during which time she developed complications and had to be admitted to Accident and Emergency Services (where she had to wait 3 days to see a specialist and over 24 hrs in a corridor). My partner had to wait over 6 months to have his gall bladder removed despite suffering debilitating pain. Our current Health Services cannot cope with demand: how an earth will they function with this and other developments bringing 1000s more people into the area? Canterbury does not even have an Accident and Emergency Centre. To propose developments without adequate health infrastructure is negligent.
2. Recent inclement weather shows that the area of Chestfield road adjacent to Brooklands farm is liable to flooding. And this is at a time when, although the fields are clay, they can absorb some water. If the development goes ahead and the area is covered in concrete the run-off will severely impact on Chestfield road. The area under the bridge which is under the water table will not cope with excessive run off and will be impassable when rain is heavy.
3. The routes from Chestfield to Canterbury are already congested in the mornings e.g. queues from the University often stretch back to Tyler Hill. With increased traffic but no alternative or widened routes the greater traffic flow will make people's lives a misery by increasing congestion and time to travel.
4. I've yet to see any convincing evidence of WHY we need this development here. Who does it serve? Will the people who actually need homes be able to purchase one here? I understand that there are no affordable homes to be offered here. As someone who has struggled to get onto the property ladder, I know that my peers and I are priced out of the housing market and many of these new homes are simply unaffordable to us.
5. The environmental impact would be irrevocable. The Crab and Winkle way should be protected and a site of environmental and historical importance.
6. I've not been able to allow my kids to swim in the sea for the last couple of years because of the disgraceful sewage dumping out of the outflow pipes – with this development this sewage dumping problem is surely going to be much worse isn't it? Where's the solution for this? (Again the importance of infrastructure is not even a consideration)

I implore you to listen to the people who live and work here – they don't want this development. Do not impose something that few wealthy people profit from and the rest of us suffer for.

Yours faithfully

Jo Collins

Sent from my iPhone