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Dear Sir,

We wish to object to the proposed development Policy W4 for 1400 dwellings etc. on the land associated with Brooklands Farm for the following reasons-

1. This is prime agricultural land and should be used to provide produce to be used in the UK thus limiting the volume of imports and the associated carbon footprint. In these troubled times with the continual threat of international problems we need to maximise the volume of land for food production not destroy it.
2. The addition of 1400 dwellings will result in greater water run off whenever it rains. This year there have been multiple occasions when Chestfield Road has been flooded and Radfall Road has been closed due to flooding under the bridge. The addition of these dwellings will further exacerbate the problem.
3. The addition of these dwellings will increase the volume of sewage at a time when it is clear that the current facilities cannot cope, and this will increase the number of discharges into the sea resulting in more beach closures and health risks from sea bathing.. The extended sewage outfall line will do little to improve this situation.
4. Our water pressure is low and frequent power outages reduce the flow to a trickle. Where is the additional water supply coming from to service these dwellings?
5. 1400 new dwellings results in over 1500 vehicles thus increasing the volume of traffic passing through Chestfield. You only need to look at the current state of Chestfield Road and South Street to see that a significant increase in traffic volume will cause even more problems. Add to this the traffic that would be associated with the new slip roads from the 299 and the impact will be even greater.
6. The total number of dwellings proposed for Whitstable and Chestfield would place a significant increased demand on schools, GPs and local hospitals. It appears, from what is already happening, that instead of getting the infrastructure in place before new dwellings are built we have to wait and suffer the problems before new schools etc. are in place. It is already difficult to get a GP appointment without this significant increase in demand.

Yours faithfully,

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