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I object to the proposals to build on the current Brooklands Farmland.

Whitstable is undergoing major developments including the immediate surrounding area. So it's not as if we aren't doing our bit towards the country's need to build more homes. Although I would argue that the need is to build affordable homes for young people - not the kind of standard properties that we see going up on, for example, with Whitstable Heights, Pearson's Heights and Grasmere Road. But that's another issue.

Surely this government's pledge to level up the north and the south of the country might indicate (without sounding NIMBYish) that we should be developing away from the south east which is reaching an unsustainable level. The water company is struggling to meet the **sewage demands** for our current population level. How much more can they handle without major investment. The same can be said for other essential bedrocks - schools, doctors and hospitals. Is anyone going up the dots to take a holistic view of our ever increasing demands on our services?

If our farmland becomes a concrete membrane we will surely face increased flooding risks. And when we should be trying to drive towards **more biodiversity and a greener world** to hand over to our next generations we are doing the exact opposite.

Agriculture is a vital part of our country's needs. Once we lose it we become even more reliant on foreign imports. Let us take stock and say no to more development of our countryside.

Rob Hudson