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I object to the current plans for Brookland Farm and associated arable land.

1 This is building unnecessary housing on agricultural land with the loss of a with wonderful rural views of fields and hedges, there are too many second homes in Whitstable

. 2 No plans to build reservoirs to provide additional water which creating new houses will require. Kent County Council and CCC have played with this idea for the last 40+ year that I have lived in Whitstable. All UK local Councils seems to want is more houses as this equals more rates income. That is why I object to CCC thinking of building any more properties before they fix the water supply, sewage works, Power supply to resolve the issues that will arise from adding more houses to an already over used systems.

3 The local sewage works cannot cope with the increasing demand, and regularly releases untreated sewage into the sea, causing instances of serious illness for people on local beaches. The new outfall under construction will not solve this problem. Swalecliffe treatment works was built before the houses and office were built on the south side of Whitstable.

4 This housing plan has a seriously negative impact on Biodiversity. There is diverse insect life associated with the cattle of Brooklands Farm, and consequently there are swallows, house martins, wagtails, and bats. There is also wildlife on the arable fields, e.g., skylarks, dragonflies, beetles. Recommended that CCC should reinforce the open rural setting south of Whitstable, to justify it control of the planning applications in Whitstable and Herne Bay. CCC appear to spend its section of the rates collected from Whitstable and Herne Bay, on Canterbury roads and pavements.

For the reasons listed above, I object to the proposal to build unwanted housing, which will fundamentally alter Whitstable.

If Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council trebled the rates on second homes, they might free houses for local residents to live in, without building anymore and might justify their existence, to the local residentials.

Regards
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