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Dear Sir /Madam

I object to the local plan proposal in Chapter 3 to policy W4 to develop land at Brooklands Farm Chestfield, Whitstable. I object for the following reasons:

1. The land is prime farmland producing food crops and meat which is vital for feeding our growing national population. The Prime Minister, only last week in Parliament, stated the need for additional housing to be built on brown field sites NOT farmland.
2. There is already too much fowl water and sewage being discharged into the sea locally as a result of insufficient facilities to cope with waste produced by homes and businesses in the area. Although Southern water claim to be investing in new plant at Swalecliffe to help reduce pollution of the sea they admit that what they are doing to 'improve' the situation will not completely resolve the existing inadequacies – and that is before any additional housing is provided in the area.
3. The road network in and around Whitstable is already straining to cope with local traffic. The old Thanet Way is so often completely snarled up with queuing traffic at peak times. The addition of 1400 homes (which possibly results in 2000 plus extra cars) would serve to worsen the situation further, especially as the traffic leaving the site would be forced to use local roads because of limited proposed access to the new Thanet Way.
4. There are no assured improvements to infrastructure to support a new development of the size proposed. Healthcare services in the area are already stretched to near breaking point, with doctors, hospital and dentists appointments difficult to obtain when needed. Power outages now occur much more frequently than they did just 5 years ago. There have been 3 this year so far in the Chestfield area caused by cables and equipment failures. More demand will only place more strain on aging infrastructure.
5. The development would have a negative impact on the biodiversity and nature conservation of the area.
6. The development would increase the risk of surface flooding in the Chestfield and Swalecliffe area.

Yours faithfully

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