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Policy W4 Brooklands Farm

I wish to **object** to the proposed Brooklands Farm development as detailed in the Draft Canterbury District Local Plan 2040. I already have a sense of being enclosed in an over developed environment squeezed between the sea and the ancient woodlands of Blean and any new development on the scale proposed at Brooklands Farm can only exacerbate that feeling.

If this proposed new development were to go ahead, road traffic issues could worsen significantly. Every time there is new development in the local area, I have noticed that the amount of traffic seems to increase. It could be said that the proposed new junction off the A299 would obviate that, but it seems to me that a lot of traffic would use the junction simply to get into or from Whitstable/Herne Bay/Canterbury travelling along such roads as Chestfield Road or Radfall Hill that are not designed as major routes, causing misery to local residents.

There has for many years been a flooding issue in Chestfield such that neither Swalecliffe Brook/Burnan Brook nor the main sewer running along Chestfield Road can cope, causing flooding at times and this will only be exacerbated by this proposed new development.

I understand that CCC is duty bound to find sites for new housing but Brooklands Farm is not the right place. I urge CCC to reconsider the local plan, to delete the Brooklands Farm proposal and find other sites, probably nearer to Canterbury as, after all, that is where most employment prospects seem to be.

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