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To whom it may concern

I would like to object in regard to the proposed development of 1400 houses on Brookland Farm with the reasons below:-

The risk of significantly increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe. I live in Rayham Road and walk my dog around the local area, Grasmere Road in particular floods every year with water from the field. The water cascades down Rayham Road which is unmade and we don't get any help from the council with regard to this.

Local health services already badly over-stretched with patients frequently unable to get doctors appointments, dentist appointments and the hospitals are already struggling and with only two hospitals in the entire area.

Significantly increased traffic on local roads, which are already too busy and dangerous for children walking to and from school. I have three children who walk and I've heard of so many children having near misses.

Swalecliffe sewage works already unable to cope with existing demand resulting in serious illness for some visitors to local beaches. This is totally unacceptable for a town with a famous seafood tradition that aspires to be a tourist destination. We are not able to swim in our sea, it's disgusting and disgraceful.

Loss of open-landscape, my house backs onto the fields where the cows pasture. I have beautiful views over the fields with nothing obstructing my view.

Permanent destruction of the rural nature of the valley of the Swalecliffe Brook, which provides the unofficial Green Belt between urban Whitstable and The Blean.

Please stop this development.

Lucy Birks