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## Objection Letter to Brooklands Farm Housing Development

Sarah Cornelius  
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21/05/2024

Canterbury City Council

Planning Department

Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE: Objection to Planning Application for Housing Development at Brooklands Farm, Whitstable**

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development at Brooklands Farm in Whitstable, Kent.

### Reasons for Objection:

- **Infrastructure Strain:** My primary concern is the impact this development will have on Whitstable's already strained infrastructure. The current sewage system is reportedly at capacity and suffers from frequent overflows <https://www.kentlive.news/news/kent-news/fears-whitstables-sewage-system-1400-9249143>. The proposed increase of 1,400 homes will only exacerbate this issue, potentially leading to increased pollution and health risks.
- **Loss of Green Space:** Brooklands Farm is a valuable green space within Whitstable. The development of this land will result in the loss of natural habitat and recreational space for residents. This loss will negatively impact the character of the town and the well-being of its residents.
- **Increased Traffic Congestion:** Whitstable already experiences traffic congestion, particularly during peak times. The influx of new residents and vehicles associated with this development will further worsen traffic flow, impacting commutes and overall quality of life.
- **Impact on Local Services:** A significant increase in population will place a significant burden on local services such as schools, healthcare facilities, and emergency services.

The proposal lacks sufficient detail regarding how these services will be adequately expanded to accommodate the needs of the new residents.

**Alternative Solutions:**

I urge the council to explore alternative solutions that meet the need for new housing without sacrificing Whitstable's unique character and infrastructure capacity. Consideration should be given to developing brownfield sites or exploring higher-density housing options within the existing urban footprint.

**Request for Consideration:**

I strongly request that the council carefully consider the objections raised by myself and other concerned residents. A thorough and independent assessment of the development's impact on infrastructure, green space, traffic, and local services is crucial before any decision is made.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Sarah Cornelius**