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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PLANS TO DEVELOPMENT AT BROOKLANDS FARM**

We write to object to the proposed development of Brooklands Farm.

This development will cause further congestion and noise pollution on already busy roads. It will actually increase traffic with a new junction off the A299 and the additional cars from 1400 houses at Brooklands, 400 in Grasmere Pastures and who even knows the number going in at Whitstable Heights! Whitstable already struggles with traffic, and it will become further choked and at a standstill more often with excessive traffic, poor provision of public transport and realistically an inability to walk too far, for most, from this proposed development.

Concreting over even more agricultural land is a disaster, with a river running across South Street and at the back of housing nearby already flooding with the fields to absorb excess rainwater. This will only prompt more flooding from the river and the concrete footings and roadways to new and existing houses in the run-off. This impacts lives miserably and insurance provision, but no-one seems to care? In fact, quite regularly access to South Street is prohibited when Radfall Road floods excessively closing the road and you want to introduce more concrete and traffic?

You propose to at least double the size of South Street, the surrounding land and Chestfield. We'll be living in an urban jungle with very little open or green space. Houses are so tall these days they obscure natural light to areas and make for dark dismal concrete and brick areas with inadequate parking provision. A nightmare for the local area.

Whitstable already has massive sewage problems with no upgrade to systems or planned works to support such huge increases in development for the town and surrounding countryside. Not only is there no provision for the additional housing but they continue to "leak" raw sewage into our sea. Maybe this provision needs tackling before building more houses and increasing the impact?

As already suggested the water company cannot take enough sewage away effectively and properly but my next point is how will they provide the higher demand for clean water required by all this housing? All the usual plumbing required for each household, the drainage and then of course, the watering of gardens, cleaning windows, cleaning cars, filling paddling pools for the families moving in etc etc etc. We already spend most summers with hosepipe bans and messages about conserving short supplies of clean water. Are we all expected to pay both water companies and provide our own water from bottled sources in the supermarkets?

Our grandchildren don't have much to look forward to, a concreted over land with a lack of nature and open space .. but then they can't afford to live in the area they grew up in anyhow so are forced to move away anyhow so the Londoners can move in, the only ones who can afford Whitstable these days. It saddens us. Come on Canterbury City Council you're here to serve and preserve our communities not sell out to the highest bidder.

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