

Comments for Planning Application CA/23/00484

Application Summary

Application Number: CA/23/00484

Address: Land At The Hill Bekesbourne Lane East Of Bekesbourne Hill Bekesbourne Canterbury CT4 5EA

Proposal: Outline planning application for up to 300 residential dwellings (including affordable housing and older person accommodation), a new community hub, introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area and surface water flood mitigation and attenuation. All matters reserved except for access.

Case Officer: Andrew Gambrell

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Patricia Evans

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to object to the planning application; my reasons are listed below.

Loss of hedgerows and trees which provide food, a natural animal movement corridor, and nest sites for birds, the loss of hedgerows mean wildlife cannot travel in safety between isolated wild areas.

we have foxes and Badgers, adjacent to this land.

Loss of valuable farming land. A report by the C.P.R.E published in the Farmers Weekly of 22nd July 2022, states that almost 300,000 houses have been built on prime farmland since 2010. A further 1,400 ha of grade 1 had been used for renewable energy projects over the twelve-year period.

In 2021 C.P.R.E research estimated 6,000ha of England's best farmland has been lost to development, a 100-fold increase in little over a decade. The charity reports the total land lost since 2010 could have supported the production of 250,000 tonnes of vegetables a year, enough to provide 2 million people with English produce. This would also provide a cut in air miles of food transportation and thus carbon emissions.

The effect of a huge development, would result in almost doubling the size of the village of Littlebourne, result in huge pressure on medical services, and overwhelm the water and sewage infrastructure. Water run off would pollute the chalk streams of the Nailbourne and Silver dyke. Traffic on Bekesbourne Lane, at times is at a standstill, due to the volume of vehicle use. It is a narrow lane, and there have been several accidents. 300 houses would generate at least 600 vehicles, not to mention the extra delivery and service vehicles.

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The far-reaching views across the water meadows from Garrington would be lost. This development would alter this charming Kentish village beyond recognition, and any chance of a traffic easing bypass would be lost, because it would block the most obvious route. I note the Developers are now calling this proposal Bekesbourne not Littlebourne, One can only wonder why, as this is obviously in Littlebourne.

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Comment: as a supplement to my original objection in May 2023 against the development, I wish to object to the positioning of the industrial plant to treat sewage. It is planned to position it beside my property. The prevailing wind comes from the south east (direction of Bekesbourne) which means the smell and noise would make my Garden and house un useable, especially in the summer with windows open, Due to the constant flow of tankers emptying the slurry generated by 300 houses. I refute any claim that there would be no risk of raw sewage escaping on to my land, and no noise and smell.

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if this is the case i would challenge them to relocate these works to the west side of the planned development over looking open farmland.

This sewage plant will not only have an adverse effect on the use of our outdoor space (a recent report on Gov.uk states open space is vital to mental health and well being) it will also have a negative effect on the value of our property, I have been advised that the chance of finding a buyer of a property over the fence from a sewage works would be zero. This will have made our house go from a desirable purchase over looking open farmland to zero prospects.

We may seek legal advise to recoup the loss in value if this is approved.

With regards to the wetland shown on the proposed plan, these areas are predomitably clay, the water will not soak away leaving areas for mosquitos to breed, and a risk for children and animals.