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To the Canterbury City Council Planning Department,

I am writing to express my strong objections to policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) in the draft Local Plan to 2040.

The proposed development would significantly disrupt the rural character of the Swalecliffe Brook valley, which currently acts as an unofficial Green Belt between Whitstable and The Blean. It is puzzling that this area has not been afforded protected status by the Council.

There is a considerable risk that the development would lead to increased flooding in Brooklands and downstream areas such as Chestfield and Swalecliffe, putting properties and lives at risk and overburdening local resources.

Our local health services are already overextended, with patients frequently facing difficulties in securing hospital beds. This development would further strain these services, potentially degrading the quality of healthcare available to residents.

The Swalecliffe sewage works are already struggling to meet current demand, leading to health hazards for visitors to local beaches. This situation is unacceptable for a town renowned for its seafood and tourism.

The development would result in the loss of some of the best and most versatile agricultural land, which is vital for local food production and the agricultural economy.

The local plan's traffic modelling does not adequately predict the impact of increased traffic on local roads, which could lead to severe congestion and safety issues.

The development would negatively affect the quality of life for local residents and reduce their access to natural spaces.

Whitstable is an unsuitable location for housing intended for Canterbury commuters, as it would compromise the town's character and infrastructure.

The development poses a threat to open-landscape wildlife habitats, which are crucial for maintaining biodiversity in the area.

I urge the Canterbury City Council to reconsider these policies to protect the valuable environmental, social, and economic assets of our community.

Yours sincerely,  
Sonny Gambin,  
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