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Dear Sirs

Policy R5 - Bread and Cheese Field

I am hereby objecting to the proposed development of 150 houses on the Bread and Cheese Field which is behind my house.

I have many objections and the obvious one being the **decimation of yet more green space** when just the other side of the field, there has been a huge development of at least 150 houses, **so how is the current infrastructure going to cope.** How will the local doctors cope with extra patients? It's impossible to get an appointment even now! The A28 is already a busy A road especially with all the new housing developments and there are safety issues when actually trying to get on the A28 leaving Westbere. It takes an hour to get to Canterbury where I work in the mornings. These houses will incur more traffic, more pollution.

Because of the development of Hoplands in Hersden if you develop on the Bread and Cheese Field this will result in a merger of Westbere and Hersden by removing the green space between the two settlements that the Field provides (even though an attempt has been made to show this isn't the case by excluding the houses on Bushy Hill Road from the official settlement of Westbere in the draft Local Plan). This will destroy the individual identities of Westbere and Hersden.

According to a recent report produced by ACRA (Alliance of Canterbury Residents' Association) Canterbury City Council has grossly over-stated the population growth for the area and therefore the demand for houses. The Bread and Cheese Field is not needed as a development site. The Field at the back of me is of significant historic importance to the village of Westbere, with a charitable history that can be traced back over 300 years and still continues today (see Community Governance Review – Westbere and Hersden parish boundary).

We need woodlands and hedgerows which provide a vital source of biodiversity and supports so much wildlife. I see kestrels and buzzards all the time, but they will disappear with any proposed development. It's so heartbreaking to see all the wildlife around you gradually disappear due to the over-development of these precious green spaces, which are not required anyway according to a report by ACRA

I am a resident in [REDACTED] and have lived there was [REDACTED] years and I consider my objections, along with all the other residents who live in Bushy Hill and Westbere, to be vitally important regarding this unnecessary, awful proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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