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To whom it may concern,

I object to Policy W4 Brooklands Farm for the building of 1400 houses on the following concerns;

- To build on land that surrounds Swalecliffe Brook will dramatically increase the risk of flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe;
- Our Local health services are already badly over-subscribed with the 3 Whitstable medical practises unable to cope with ever increasing numbers of urgent and non-urgent patients. Estuary View Urgent Treatment Centre is frequently used by other centres such as Faversham, Hernebay and Thanet when they themselves cannot cope with the volume of their own patients. There is no local A&E department to deal with increases population - QEQM and WHH are NOT local. Patients are frequently unable to get beds in hospitals or have to wait months for appointments - waiting times that will only increase.
- Significantly increased traffic on local roads that are already in a bad state of repair due to poor maintenance and frequent excavations due to underground services being overstretched by new developments.
- Swalecliffe sewage works is already failing to cope with existing demand resulting in serious illness for some visitors to local beaches. And with the increased pressure from higher house numbers, the instances of discharge into the sea or Brook will increase during periods of heavy rainfall.
- Loss of best and most versatile agricultural land in the immediate area
- Loss of open-landscape wildlife habitats, bad for genuine biodiversity.
- Permanent destruction of the rural nature of the valley of the Swalecliffe Brook, which provides the unofficial Green Belt between urban Whitstable and The Blean. (Why has CCC not provided this with protected status?)
- Insufficient local public transport systems - Stagecoach have recently reduced their bus services.
- Loss of local identity as these houses are intended for or will be bought by commuters and those who will not contribute to the social and local identity of the town.
- Increased antisocial behaviours within the town as there are not enough activities, clubs and organisations available and/or supported/provided by CCC in Whitstable and as with all other recent or current developments, on site community halls are youth facilities (beyond playparks) are not included as part of the plan for the developments.
- As can be seen by the state of other recent local developments that include 3rd party sustained maintenance, the maintenance is not sustained.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Mr R Maley

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