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Dear sirs

I object to Policy W4 Brooklands Farm.

There has been too much new house building in Whitstable and Herne Bay in recent years. Canterbury City Council should be trying to make better use of the existing housing stock.

I read in the Whitstable Gazette that there are 1,416 second homes and 135 long-term empty homes in the Canterbury district. There are 542 AirBnb properties in Whitstable and 478 AirBnb in Canterbury. These houses could be sold or let to local people.

How many good quality family houses in Canterbury have been turned into homes of multiple occupation and let to students (occupied for two thirds of the year)?

If any new homes are to be built, they should be let - not sold - to local people at rents they can afford.

Regards

**James Akhurst**

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