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Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) of the draft Local Plan to 2040 for these reasons:

Loss of high-quality landscape and rural views of the Blean. The CCC's Landscape Character Assessment 2020 recommended reinforcing the open rural setting south of Whitstable and resisting development in the A299 New Thanet Way corridor.

The development is unsustainable, with most residents commuting to Canterbury by car, increasing traffic congestion in north Canterbury.

Increased flood risk downstream on the Swalecliffe Brook due to insufficient rainwater runoff storage.

Lack of health facilities, with residents struggling to get GP appointments and facing overcrowded hospital conditions.

The local sewage works cannot handle increasing demand, leading to untreated sewage being released into the sea causing illness.

The proposed new junction linking the A299 to Chestfield Rd and South Street would negatively impact local residents, road safety, and pollution levels.

Serious negative impact on biodiversity, affecting insects, birds, bats, and other wildlife.

Adverse effect on the Convicts Wood Local Wildlife Site, turning it into a recreation area and causing wildlife disruption.

Loss of "Best and most versatile" agricultural land.

Housing developments affect coastal towns more than Canterbury, with Whitstable constrained by natural features and needing remaining farmland for recreation and well-being.

The proposals are unsustainable and contravene paragraphs 135c, 168, 173, 180b, 180d, and 191b of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

Yours Sincerely,

