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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my objection to the proposed development at Brooklands Farm in Whitstable on the following counts:

- The loss of "best and most versatile" farm land, which would add to the food security crisis this country is already facing. [Farmland that could grow 250,000 tonnes of vegetables a year has already been lost to development since 2010](#). This is not a rate which is sustainable.

- [The area was designated as a 'Biodiversity Opportunity area'](#) in the Canterbury Landscape Character Assessment and Biodiversity Appraisal of 2020. It set out the following aim for the Landscape Character Area incorporating Brooklands Farm, to:

- Conserve and enhance a well- integrated edge and sharp division between town and countryside. Avoid large scale or tall buildings on this edge which are highly visible and intrusive in rural views.

- I live on [REDACTED] and our garden is currently home to herons, wild ducks, hedgehogs, endangered Great Crested newts and a panopoly of wildlife . I can only think that a full biodiversity inspection of the site will find similar examples.

- The infrastructure to support 1,300 new homes does not exist. Southern Water recorded [195 breaches of its storm overflow permits](#) in 2022 affecting food businesses and tourism in whitstable and Tankerton. Swalecliffe sewage works cannot function effectively now, let alone with the extra houses planned.

Yours faithfully,

Maxine Croft

