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To: Canterbury City Council Consultations.

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

- The risk of significantly increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe;
- Local health services already badly over-stretched with patients frequently unable to get beds in hospitals
- Significantly increased traffic on local roads. The proposed new junction linking the A299 to Chestfield Rd and South Street would have unacceptable adverse consequences for local people, road safety and pollution in residential areas.
- Swalecliffe sewage works already unable to cope with existing demand resulting in serious illness for some visitors to local beaches. This is totally unacceptable for a town with a famous seafood tradition that aspires to be a tourist destination.
- Loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.
- 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.
- Loss of amenity for local residents
- The development would not be "sustainable". Whitstable is not the right place to build houses for Canterbury commuters!

Regards

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