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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to object to the inclusion of the Bread and Cheese Field as a Strategic Site for housing (see **Policy R5-Bread and Cheese Field**).

My reasons for objecting are

1. Any development on this Field will effectively result in **the unwanted merger of Westbere and Hersden**, because filling in the Green Space between the two settlements would create a continuous ribbon development along the south side of the A28. CCC should bear in mind that protecting the individual identities of settlements in the District is an aspiration included in the current Local Plan. That should not change.
2. Other aspirations in the current Local Plan, which should also appear in subsequent Plans, include the need for encouraging **biodiversity**, and protecting the habitats of **wildlife**. Removing this Green Space with a housing estate would run counter to these important aspirations.
3. According to a recent report written by ACRA (Alliance of Canterbury Residents' Association) CCC has grossly over-estimated the population growth for the District and the need for additional houses. The Bread and Cheese Field is therefore not needed as a development site.
4. Yet again, the already poor infrastructure in this part of the District is all but ignored. As things stand, we now lack sufficient doctors, dentists, shops, and adequate well-maintained roads. By simply creating 150 extra houses, things can only get worse.
5. The A28 is already over-used thanks to the ever-increasing numbers of houses in this part of the District. Adding still more houses to the area would only exacerbate the already unacceptable problems we now face.

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