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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development at Brooklands Farm in Whitstable, Kent.

My main concern is the impact this development will have on Whitstable's already strained infrastructure.

The current sewage system is reportedly at capacity and suffers from frequent overflows. The proposed increase of 1,400 homes will only exacerbate this issue, potentially leading to increased pollution and health risks.

Brooklands Farm's green fields currently act as natural drainage, absorbing excess rainwater during heavy rainfall and reducing the likelihood of severe flooding. The replacement of these fields with impermeable surfaces such as buildings and roads would disrupt the natural drainage system and potentially exacerbate flooding issues, placing both existing and future residents at risk.

Brooklands Farm is a valuable green space within Whitstable. The development of this land will result in the loss of natural habitat and recreational space for residents. This loss will negatively impact the character of the town and the well-being of its residents.

Whitstable already experiences traffic congestion, particularly during peak times. The influx of new residents and vehicles associated with this development will further worsen traffic flow, impacting commutes and overall quality of life.

A significant increase in population will place a significant burden on local services such as schools, healthcare facilities, and emergency services. The proposal lacks sufficient detail regarding how these services will be adequately expanded to accommodate the needs of the new residents.

I urge the council to explore alternative solutions that meet the need for new housing without sacrificing Whitstable's unique character and infrastructure capacity. Consideration should be given to developing brownfield sites or exploring higher-density housing options within the existing urban footprint.

I strongly request that the council carefully consider the objections raised by myself and other concerned residents. A thorough and independent assessment of the development's impact on infrastructure, green space, traffic, and local services is crucial before any decision is made.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sue Howard
Tankerton resident