

Alexander Gunyon

From: Johann Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2024 17:24
To: Consultations
Subject: "I object to Policy W4 Brooklands Farm

Categories: Blue category

You don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

--Email From External Account--

Hi, as a resident of whitstable I object to the Brook lands Farm housing development due to the following reasons:

- There will be a risk of significantly increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe; Hamshades lane has already seen increased flooding this year due to the recent new developments and this will make it worse.
- Local health services are already over-stretched with patients frequently unable to get beds in hospitals, waiting days, weeks for appointments & long waiting lists for dentists & medical treatment. Our nearest trauma hospital is a helicopter ride away into London, nearest hospital is 35 minutes with an average 8 hour wait.
- There will be Significantly increased traffic on local roads - CCC do not know how bad this will actually be because the Local Plan traffic modelling done was totally inadequate & increased traffic will cause more pollution & inconvenience to residence. Its already a nightmare in summer & holidays & the increased numbers will make this worse.
- Swalecliffe sewage works is 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. Local people are unable to use the sea for many weeks during the year & will more being pumped into it these weeks will extend to months.
- It will be a huge Loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land. With more residents where will the food be grown?
- There will be a Loss of open-landscape wildlife habitats, resulting in the death of local wildlife and will be devastating 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. (Why has CCC not provided this with protected status?)
- Loss of amenity for local residents

- The development would not be "sustainable". Whitstable is not the right place to build houses for Canterbury commuters!
- Schools & nursery's are already suffering with the current number of new residents and this development will add more of a problem.
- There are few facilities in Whitstable for its residents gyms, leisure, sports parks, parks, children's activities etc and there are no plans to build more for additional thousands of residents.
- The parking in town is already too expensive & not enough for current residents & visitors to use so how will it manage with even more demand?
- Whitstable is not equipped to deal with the additional crime & problems a further 3-5000 people will bring.
- Residents have already faced years of inconvenience with the current building work that is going ahead & this will bring years more.
- The houses will not be helping the local residents with their housing issues but, as with the current developments, be housing people from London & other boroughs

Whitstable is a small town & community and the current and proposed housing will turn this small seaside beauty spot into a place that is no longer a safe or enjoyable to live

There are many other locations that houses can be built, maybe smaller more community focused developments rather than turning whitstable into Milton Keynes!

Yours faithfully

Johann taylor

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)