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Objection from

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. Primarily, the proposed location is not a sustainable place to build a large development with the inevitable consequence that yet more people would be commuting to Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay as well as further afield. The proposed new junction linking the A299 to Chestfield Road and South Street will lead to massive increases in traffic, road safety problems, pollution and noise in residential areas. I appreciate that the Council suggests (or will suggest) that many journeys will be made by bike, but the reality is that almost all of them will continue to travel by car. It will also contribute to severe traffic congestion and pollution.
2. The development would mean the permanent loss of an Area of High Landscape Value. I note that the City Council's Landscape Character Assessment 2020 recommended that the Council should reinforce the open rural setting south of Whitstable and resist development in the A299 New Thanet Way corridor.
3. Having recently waited three and a half hours at the Estuary View Medical Practice, it is clear that the local health facilities are under severe strain. This strain will inevitably increase with this surge in numbers.

4. Increased flood risk and yet more untreated sewage deposited in the sea. This is simply unacceptable on any level. It is not just an issue for Southern Water, the Council must play its part by resisting development which produces more waste.
5. There will be a serious and irreversible detrimental effect on Biodiversity and wildlife both at the site (where the environment will literally be destroyed) and in the wider landscape and woodland.
6. This development will have a huge negative impact on Whitstable. There will literally be no open farmland within walking distance of the town. People will have to drive to get to that farmland environment leading to yet more traffic. This area of farmland between the town and the Blean wood is vitally important in preserving the feel of the town and the obvious mental and physical health benefits to the residents. Real countryside, not just a 'Disneyfied' open space created by town planners.
7. The proposals would be unsustainable and would contravene paragraphs 135c, 168, 173, 180b, 180d and 191b of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

Yours sincerely