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To whom it may concern,

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

1. The loss of landscape with wonderful rural views of the distant Blean. CCC's Landscape Character Assessment 2020 recommended that CCC should reinforce the open rural setting south of Whitstable and resist development in the A299 New Thanet Way corridor. Currently, this is already diminished as development of housing and a care home along side a large moat housing apartment blocks.
2. This is not a sustainable place to build a large development, It will also contribute to traffic congestion in the north Canterbury area. Congestion around Canterbury, Herne bay and access in and out towards London is already difficult as a 30+ year resident.
3. Increased flood risk downstream on the Swalecliffe Brook. At present heavy rain sits on the farmland before is slowly evaporates or trickles into the Brook. Vast areas of storage would be required to accommodate rainwater run-off from any urban development, but this could not be located close to the Brook because that area already floods when the river level rises over the riverbanks as happened in February. And we already have unsustainable water releases from the water company, this will make it worse.
4. Lack of health facilities. Local residents now find they can't secure an appointment with a local GP, especially as this was opened up to outside of area patients.
5. The local sewage works cannot cope with the increasing demand, and regularly releases untreated sewage into the sea, causing instances of serious illness for people on local beaches. The new outfall under construction will not solve this problem.
6. 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.
7. Adverse effect on the Convicts Wood Local Wildlife Site. Building 1,400 houses nearby would cause it to be severely degraded and used as a children's recreation area and dog-walking route.
8. CCC needs to recognise that housing developments affect the coastal towns much more severely than Canterbury. Canterbury can expand to north, east, south and west. Whitstable can only expand southwards, as it is constrained by marshland to the west, and by Herne Bay to the east. What little farmland that remains within easy walking distance of Whitstable is needed for residents' recreation and well-being as well as to preserve the last vestiges of the natural setting of this tourist destination town. Therefore, the farmland between the Blean woodland and the existing urban edge of Whitstable should be given statutory protection.

For the reasons listed above, the proposals would be unsustainable and would contravene paragraphs 135c, 168, 173, 180b, 180d and 191b of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.

Many thanks
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