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Dear sirs

I write to strongly object to the development on Brooklands Farm because;

FLOODING - I live in [REDACTED] so this directly affects my household in many ways. We have a stream very close to us and there have been times when the water has breached the banks and gardens. The flooding has got worse since the Grasmere development and I am worried for my property and my insurance premiums if it floods more severely, which it will if there are houses built on that site, despite the developers saying they will take measures to negate this.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD QUALITY. The traffic into Tyler Hill at 7.50am has increased significantly due to the recent new housing and in the other direction towards Herne Bay, the queue past Lidl onto the roundabout and beyond has grown substantially since the Hillreed homes have been built. The proposed new development home owners will probably have 2 cars per household - this area can't cope. The pot holes in the roads are horrendous (that's not an exaggeration)

SCHOOLS - Children living in Chestfield can no longer get a place in their nearest school, for instance my friend's son can not go to Herne Bay High, which is his nearest, but he is no longer in the catchment area- but will have to go to the Archbishops School in Canterbury. This get much be worse with more children needing schools, Brooklands Farm development is nearer to the Archbishops school, in addition the Whitstable school is now always over subscribed.

HEALTHCARE - I was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia in February after 7 months of waiting to see a Rheumatologist. I still, as of today's date, am waiting to speak to my GP on a telephone consultation, because that's quicker apparently! The A&E facilities locally are suffering. An elderly friend suffered breaks in both legs due to Osteoarthritis (that went undiagnosed because of the poor quality of healthcare and inability to get an appointment with a GP) who lives Cherry Orchard. Paramedics took her to Margate hospital on Saturday afternoon & she sat in a queue without any painkillers, food or drink or assistance to use the toilet facilities until MONDAY morning! This just one of many reports of this nature in this area. This is due to the sheer volume of people relying on these hospitals - this is going to be made much worse with all the housing developments already being built in the whole area of Thanet not just Brooklands! **DENTIST** - My annual check up was 3 months overdue - they couldn't fit me in.

SEWAGE - The local water companies are dumping sewage in the sea, because they can't cope with the volume already. What does this do to nature, kids swimming the list goes on.

NATURE - We hear OWLS I'm not sure what type, but they land on our roof at night (we have a loft

extension with velux windows, so we can hear clearly). There are a resident family of BUZZARDS that hunt in the fields behind Shepherds walk, they fly over our house & the garden birds go silent. They also go silent for a resident SPARROW HAWK. There's a HERON that flies over & tries to get fish from a neighbours pond, but feeds from the stream.

WOODPECKERS are often seen and heard around our garden.

NEWTs - We dug a hole for fencing and overnight the hole filled with water and we found a newt, not sure of its species - we released it into the stream.

It's heartbreaking to think that all of these wild creatures who may have already been displaced from the Grasmere development, will again be driven out of their habitats for human profit.

If this goes through it will be a travesty and myself and a great many residents will lose faith in the Canterbury Councils ethics.

Yours sincerely

Michelle & James Cheetham

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