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Hi

Please can you confirm this is the correct place to send my objection.

Many thanks.

Objection to Brooklands Farm housing development

I am writing to **strongly object** to the proposed housing development at Brooklands Farm, Whitstable. As a homeowner whose property sits on the edge of Brooklands farm [REDACTED] and looks out directly over the proposed development site with beautiful, unobstructed views of the farmland. I am deeply concerned about the negative impact this development will have on not only me and my family but also the wider community.

I purchased my house solely because of its position and rural location and as we enjoy nature, wildlife, peace and tranquillity and unobstructed views.

I am now faced with the prospect of years of building work, dust, air and noise pollution which will result in a complete loss in the beauty of my surroundings which was my reason for purchasing my family home.

I am now in a position where, if this proposal goes through, I will no longer wish to live in the area. I see this as a great shame as Chestfield is locally known for its 'Village feel' and this would be lost with the massive development that is proposed.

Firstly, the development will destroy the natural beauty and peacefulness of the area, replacing it with a sprawling urban landscape. This area is cherished for its natural beauty, which will be irreparably damaged by the proposed construction.

As a manager in our local NHS, I am acutely aware and extremely concerned of the impact this development will have on the already overwhelmed hospitals, GPs and dental services in our area. Adding this number of new homes will strain these services further, leading to longer waiting times and reduced access to healthcare for current residents. This will significantly impact on the health and outcomes of our local community due to the increased wait times and inability to access timely treatment.

Traffic congestion and pollution are also major concerns. The rural roads around Brooklands Farm cannot accommodate the significant increase in traffic, even with the new road changes that have

been proposed. This will result in frequent traffic jams, increased air pollution, and noise pollution, severely impacting our quality of life.

I am also extremely concerned with the flooding issues we already experience outside my property and under the flyover which causes regular road closures and further development will exacerbate this problem significantly. Increased surface runoff from new construction will strain existing drainage systems and increase the risk of flooding, endangering both new and existing properties. The effect that this development will have on what is clearly an overwhelmed drainage system will have a far wider impact on the community, such as increased sewage releases into our sea. As is clearly demonstrated on Southern Waters *Beach Buoy* release site:

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/our-region/clean-rivers-and-seas-task-force/beachbuoy-historic-release-table/>

Finally, the heightened demand for water will likely lead to more frequent hosepipe bans, affecting our ability to maintain our gardens and green spaces. This is particularly concerning in a rural area where agriculture and gardening are integral parts of the community lifestyle.

In conclusion, I strongly object to the proposed development at Brooklands Farm, as this poses numerous significant risks and drawbacks as clearly outlined above. The environmental, infrastructural, and community impacts are substantial and deeply concerning. I urge the council to reject this proposal to preserve the integrity and quality of life in our rural community.

If this development goes ahead, I would be left with no option but to relocate myself and my family as I believe the negative outcomes far outweigh the benefits of living in the home that I have raised my family in for the past [REDACTED] years. Chestfield will have lost its village appeal which has been the reason for attracting so many of the current, local residents and will turn in to another overpopulated town!

Yours faithfully,

Tracy Maybin

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