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As a longtime resident I wish to object specifically to the plans for development in and around Chestfield especially those affecting Brooklands Farm.

1. The plan involves the building of some 1,400 houses and, perhaps, some service facilities. This will be an enormous addition to the existing village and inflict many undesirable changes there. It would amount to a disproportionate increase in the size of the village and population.
2. This growth will inevitably require large increases in new infrastructure such as sewage, water supplies, other drainage and healthcare services. Such services are already over stretched, but I have little confidence that enough improvement will be forthcoming.
3. Points 1 and 2 indicate that the increase in traffic will cause problems with noise, congestion and parking on local roads. The plan seems to involve only the diversion of South Street with a slip road off the Thanet Way. This latter proposal apparently will not be initiated until a large numbers of houses have been built and this lack is therefore likely to cause considerable trouble from the start.
4. Statements indicate a new school and facilities will be provided. At what stage will this begin? The large number of houses will bring even larger numbers of children. At what stage will the new education facilities be available? How is over filling of existing schools to be avoided? Is there any guarantee that a new school will ever be provided?
5. The site for this proposed development is, obviously, farm land and the development will remove a valuable resource. Consequently a small, but possibly significant, area of natural importance, will be permanently destroyed.

It is my opinion that the whole scheme will have a negative consequence upon an area extending far beyond its own boundaries and should be rejected.

Yours sincerely,

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