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Gentlemen,

I object to Policy W4 Brooklands Farm and its inclusion in the Local Plan. I also object to Planning Application CA/24/00788. This is prime farmland and an Area of High Landscape Value. With all sorts of issues now around food security and food miles (and the associated carbon footprints) this land should be used for growing and raising food, NOT houses. Various organizations - including the CPRE and the Country Land and Business Association have called for a better balance between food production and housing needs, this development will tip things in the wrong direction in my view. Whitstable does not NEED 1400 new houses.

Most of the people who will live in them are likely to commute to either Canterbury or London and will contribute nothing to the local economy.

Furthermore, the loss of biodiversity will have a negative effect on local wildlife, and predation by domestic cats belonging to the new residents will cause further harm to the wildlife that remains.

There are other places in the Canterbury district that are better suited for this type of development - the proposals for Barton Ward from the previous Local Plan, for example. I also feel that all brownfield sites in the district should be fully developed before a single foot of greenfield site is excavated.

I strongly urge the council to reconsider and drop this development from the 2040 Local Plan.

Sincerely,

Shaun Pearce

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