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Dear Sirs,

I object most strongly to the proposed Brooklands Farm development for the following reasons:

1) This proposed massive development, when taken in conjunction with the existing Grasmere development , will destroy the village character of Chestfield; the main reason why most of us moved here in the first place. It is not right that our local representatives can impose such massive changes on us. Increased traffic, congestion, air pollution, more sewage that Southern Water manifestly are unable to deal with, flooding, poor water pressure, regular restrictions on water usage, further strains on overstretched local services and loss of biodiversity all follow from this proposed development and would represent a serious deterioration in the quality of life of all existing Chestfield residents.

2) The unnecessary loss of quality productive farmland (arable: wheat, oats, barley, rape seed, broad beans etc and pasture for cattle) resulting from this proposed development is completely wrong when much less productive land already exists in the area (e.g. either side of the old Thanet Way (A2990), either side of Whitstable Road Swalecliffe, Clapham Hill Whitstable, Seasalter Levels (If Canterbury City Planning Department give permission for house building/extensions on the coastal road why not allow more houses to be built here?) also Yorkletts and either side of the A299 to the West of Whitstable. Such areas would not result in the massive impact that this proposal would inflict.

3) There is a basic unfairness in this proposed development because the residents of South Chestfield have already suffered the noise, pollution and additional shedding of rainwater that arises from the building of the Thanet Way Chestfield bypass.

4) I worry about local democracy on many counts, for example before the Thanet bypass was constructed a massive drain (C. 4 or 5 feet in diameter) was laid under Chestfield Road - what for one might ask? In part, it could be to drain the Radfall underpass that regularly floods with run-off from surrounding fields but perhaps because the Council have already made up their mind or planned for substantial building developments in the South Street / Radfall area!

Yours sincerely,

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