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Ref. Objection to Brooklands Farm Development Policy W4

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to the public meeting at the Whitstable Umbrella Centre, I am writing to object to the proposed development plans for Brooklands Farm at Chestfield, Whitstable, Kent.

As one attendee attested at the meeting who had witnessed the land at Brooklands Farm over many years and through the changing seasons, the land serves as a natural flood plain and provides natural drainage for the area. With a name like Brooklands it is self-explanatory that the land carries a waterway, and that this waterway is a valuable location strategically for wildlife. It provides an ecosystem for biodiversity in the area: a green belt linking Whitstable and The Blean - and should be an area that is placed under protection by Canterbury City Council, not developed. The suggestion that the provision of amenity green space is an acceptable compensation within this development for the loss of this precious green field site is abominable. The drainage of this land would be a total disaster for the biodiversity of this ecosystem, and would put further strain on storm water drains in Chestfield which are already prone to flooding.

I object to the Brooklands Farm development Policy W4 as it will introduce a greater number of new patients registering for healthcare services in an area which at present struggles to manage with the demands of the current populace. Health services in Whitstable are at full stretch and to put further demands on these services without increasing capacity of that service will put health care providers under even more pressure than they currently unfairly suffer.

I object to the Brooklands Farm development Policy W4 as it will result in an increase in traffic in an age when public transport should be encouraged. I understand that the Local Plan Traffic Modelling was inadequate, and a proper assessment has not yet been made of the impact of traffic (ref. 9.20 Draft IDP 2024 Part A page 15). I have read in the draft plan that a bus service for the south Whitstable area will be introduced, but with current bus services already having been reduced in the area I am not confident that this will be actioned.

I object to the Brooklands Farm development Policy W4 because building these houses will increase the amount of sewage being processed through the water treatment plant at Swalecliffe. This facility is inadequate for the quantity of sewage it now processes, and has been for many years. The new pipe which is currently being installed will just facilitate the pumping of more sewage into the sea in a shorter time. The quality of the sea has suffered immeasurably as a result of this inadequate facility which relentlessly discharges sewage into the sea. By building more houses without increasing the capacity of the treatment plant this development is shamefully adding to the existing problem.

In an age where we are encouraged to live sustainably: to buy local, grow our own food, eat organically, be conscious of our effect on the environment, choose public transport - it beggars belief that sound agricultural land is being developed for housing. At its heart this development is a money-making venture. It does not have the needs of people or the environment at its core.

The proposal of this development at Broklands Farm is a shocking waste of our earth's resources and a shameful legacy for Canterbury City Council. This development manifests to me the very worst of capitalist economics. I strongly object to the development of the land at Brooklands Farm Policy W4.

I request that you acknowledge the receipt of this objection.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Claire Parris

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