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I strongly object to policies W3 and W4 (Brooklands Farm) of the draft Local Plan to 2040

for the following reasons:

1. Loss of high-quality landscape with wonderful rural views
2. Unsustainable place to build a large development . It will contribute hugely to traffic congestion in N. Canterbury area.
3. Massive flood risk downstream on the Swalecliffe Brook. Heavy rain sits on the farmland after even moderate rain. Studies show building on heavy clay is fraught with problems in current climate conditions.
4. Lack of health facilities.
5. The local sewage works already cannot cope with the increasing demand, and regularly releases untreated sewage into the sea, causing instances of serious illness for people on local beaches.
6. Any new junction linking the A299 to Chestfield Rd and South Street would have adverse consequences for local people, road safety and pollution in residential areas.
7. Seriously negative impact on Biodiversity
8. Loss of vital agricultural land.

For the reasons listed above, the proposals would be unsustainable and would contravene paragraphs 135c, 168, 173, 180b, 180d and 191b of the Government's National Planning Policy Framework.