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Dear Sir or Madam

I object to this proposal on following points:

Scale of development is disproportionate to all other developments I've seen in 23 years of living in Whitstable. The town is already under stress and this will put more stress on an already struggling infrastructure. This includes inadequate sewage, potholes, parking issues and inadequate dental and doctor provision.

Loss of green space with risks to wildlife and natural guards against flooding; general increase in environmental stressors

Increased traffic even with new plans (park and ride, road expansion), this will exacerbate commuting conditions for people who don't work in the town. We already dread the drive into town after a days work.

It will change the character of the town with the new development at risk of overpowering the older town.

The crab and winkle way will be negatively impacted. There are clear boundaries between Canterbury and Whitstable but this stretch of houses will push Whitstable further into Canterbury area, it won't be long before the towns are merging.

The council say they have plans to decrease the dominance of traffic in Whitstable town centre. There is a disconnect between this strategy and the plans for this large scale housing development. A park and ride facility will not negate the negative impact of introducing at least 1300 vehicles to the area.

Deter visitors from coming to the town due to traffic and overcrowding

We are seriously considering leaving Whitstable if these plans are passed, the negatives will soon outweigh the positives and this will tip the balance.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Smith