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Dear Sir / Madam,

I write to object to the proposed Police W4 Brooklands Farm potential development, with the following high level points standing out to me:

Loss of agricultural land : One of the great appeals of Kent was our status as 'the garden of England'. A status that is increasingly a sarcastic phrase given the ongoing and continuous erosion of green space and farm land to create more and more commuter belt identikit housing developments

Loss of culture and nature of the area : Whitstable has already been victim to a large number of identikit high density profit driven developments. The appeal of a once small fishing town is further and further eroded

Traffic & Parking : Whitstable during the summer months suffers constant congestion and our roads in and around the town are simply not designed or intended to handle the existing traffic. Injection thousands of additional cars onto the roads all year road is simply not sustainable

Infrastructure : The town already struggles for dentistry and GP access. Adding thousands of additional residents will stretch these facilities further

Pollution : Noise, dirt, dust and exhaust emissions will be prevalent for years under this plan. This is in addition to the ongoing and permanent emissions from additional homes

Biodiversity & Ecosystem : Farm land has worked hard over previous decades to encourage wilding and ecology. We now regularly see raptors of various sizes in flight and hunting in the area. The destruction of this natural resource cannot be mitigated or recovered through any claimed action of a developer

The value of properties in Whitstable is surely appealing to any developer, with the ongoing gutting of the town for 2nd homes obvious to the naked eye. A plan to simply keep building more houses where they fetch the most money pleases the developers clearly, but does nothing to benefit the broader community. In the event the Council had the interests of local people at heart they would be looking at regulations relating to AirBnB rentals and driving Social Housing developments or practices rather than cramming more new build properties into the periphery of the town.

Thanks & Kind Regards,

Matt

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