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Hello,

I am writing to express my objection to policy W4 in regards to Brooklands Farm, for the reasons listed below:

1. There is a clear and significant risk of increased flooding at Brooklands and downstream in Chestfield and Swalecliffe.
2. Our local health care services are already overwhelmed and overstretched. Waiting times for appointments can be to the detriment of patient well being. Patients are regularly unable to register for dentists (I am one of these), nor secure a hospital bed.
3. The local roads are already hugely overwhelmed and further developments are only going to increase this on local roads. This will also increase carbon emissions and reduce the air quality for local residents.
4. It is evident that Swalecliffe sewage works are already unable to cope with existing demand. This has resulted in serious illness for some visitors to local beaches, and will be having an equally serious impact on our wildlife and delicate ecosystems. Additionally, as a town that is famous for its seafood tradition, and that aspires to be a tourist destination, this proposal is nothing more than harm waiting to happen.
5. It is also evident that we will lose some of the best and more versatile agricultural land. This also decreases the opportunity to source local, and to lower the carbon emissions footprint of our food infrastructure, by retaining this agricultural land.
6. There is a clear loss of open-landscape wildlife habitats that is extremely harmful to genuine biodiversity.
7. All this is compounded by the permanent destruction of the rural nature of the valley of the Swalecliffe Brook, within that which we regard as being in the 'Garden of England', which provides the unofficial Green Belt between urban Whitstable and The Blean.

This development is devastating on so many levels and in so many ways. A legacy of destruction and decimation of our natural habitats will lay in wake of those responsible for these decisions. Please, do not harm our natural spaces and worsen our already struggling infrastrucutres.

Kindest regards,  
Josie Caplehorne