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Response from

Stephanie and Michael Wakefield



We wish to offer our objections to any housing development on the area known as the bread and cheese field

1. OBJECTION - The Westbere settlement has been incorrectly defined, excluding 19 homes. This represents 15% of the village. 18 of these houses are in Bushy Hill Road. All these homes should be included within the Westbere settlement.

2. OBJECTION - The inclusion of Policy R5 (The bread and cheese Field) as a housing development in the local plan will cause the coalescence of Westbere and Hersden. This is an infringement of the planning policy and should not proceed. The Bread and Cheese Field should be retained as farmland and form the green gap between Westbere and Hersden.

3. SUPPORT – The green gap between Sturry and Westbere (the two fields) is well placed and should not be compromised.

4. SUPPORT – The green gap between Sturry and Hersden.

5. OBJECTION – The over-development of the A28 corridor through Sturry and toward Thanet. Additional housing in this area cannot be supported by the existing local services and infrastructure. The traffic volumes and consequential congestion is already contributing to the health concerns of local residents. The recent pedestrian fatality in Sturry has shocked the community, this event demands action by the Council to make this road safer. This needs to be addressed ahead of the existing housing developments completing and a further influx of new residents and their vehicles.

6. SUPPORT – The work to enhance Sturry railway station to improve traffic flow through the level crossing. This project needs to be prioritised and funded to ensure it happens in the short term.

7. SUPPORT – Investment in the Westbere Marshes as part of the Open Spaces Strategy.

8. OBJECTION -- the impact of runoff from any more development has not been fully appreciated. The railway line from Canterbury to Margate is below the steep slopes along this area, and is becoming more compromised by flooding caused by excess runoff where building has occurred.

9. OBJECTION -- Excess runoff caused by more building may also wash with it pollutants to the area of Special Scientific Interest on the Westbere Marshes.

Thank you from

Stephanie and Michael Wakefield