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Dear Sir / Madam,

I OBJECT TO THE Proposed development at Brooklands farmland,

Whitstable, Herne Bay & Canterbury have been over burdened with housing development which has caused issues with lack of infrastructure to support the current developments that are being built. There appears to be a lack of planning control which was evident in the previous Conservative lead Council, which has lead to people becoming fed up with constant development, road works, and heavy goods vehicle movements, supporting the house building developers / contractors who seem to do as they please with what little evidence of governance by Canterbury City Council & their planning department. This was even worse during & following Covid lock down where local housing conversions & developments were just rubber stamped with little consideration for people whom have to live with years of constant noise, contactors & crane / delivery vehicle movements.

I object to the proposed planning application as follows:

1. There is already a shortage of GP's and NHS Dentists to support the unrepresented housing development in Canterbury & Herne Bay. Also allowing London Borough Councils to move out there would be residents they cannot house is pushing out local people who are waiting for a home on the social housing list. Even worse with the University of Kent and the other education establishments that have been allowed to build ridiculous amounts of student accommodation, and the ex-council housing estates housing stock whom have been sold off to private individuals and becomes a student housing ghetto. The old acute hospital in Canterbury is unsuitable and with the amount of people living or in the future living in Kent will need this hospital and another acute hospital when you take into account the vast housing development in Ashford.
2. The waste water (foul & surface water) has caused and will further cause the sea outfalls to be used at the sewage treatment works as the system cannot cope with the enormous amount of development that has been built in the last 5 to 10 years.
3. There is a known drinking water shortage in East of England and in particular East Kent and it is not acceptable to allow continued building with the mind set people will have to get used to water shortages rather than sort out the need (40 years at least) to build additional drinking water infrastructure, E.G. proposed Broad Oak reservoir ETC. How will this be resolved with the current round of housing development that has been or in the process of being built.
4. Lack of local schools to support the amount of housing being built currently let alone what is currently being considered.
5. Whitstable & Herne Bay and outlying villages have been unfairly built over farmland or green field sites, not brown field. Yet Canterbury has an abundance of student accommodation taking up housing stock. There are people of Whitstable, Herne Bay & Canterbury who are unable to access affordable housing and people of East Kent have been squeezed out subsidising the University of Kent and other training establishments in the Canterbury area have to pay higher house / rental prices or unable to get onto the property ladder due the inconsiderate greed of the University ETC.

6. House building in Kent including Isle of Thanet, Swale & Canterbury is being built at an unrepresented rate and the road systems are being overwhelmed with traffic caused by the new housing (norm now is a minimum of two cars per house hold for two people working) built in South Eats Kent. There is a lack of suitably paid employment to support the house building so people are travelling longer distances for work. The M2 being a main arterial route both to & from Dover port with only two lanes is not suitable as a motorway now and either need to become an A road with lower speed limits to accommodate the traffic or additional lanes built. Multiple accidents occur on the stretch of the M2 between Brenley Corner & Dartford. This is now becoming an issue with the Thanet Way from the Isle of Thanet to Brenley corner due to the higher amount of vehicle movements for people to travel to & from work due to the high levels of new housing developments in Eats Kent.
7. It is noticeable housing for social housing or lower cost rental properties are being built on top of the main arterial routes with no consideration of the air pollution caused from traffic which has been created by people having top travel long distance for work due to the new high volume housing stock being built in the East Kent area.
8. There is a lack of suitable employment for young people / people leaving school and with the new & proposed housing developments, how will this be resolved. More people having to use motor vehicles to get to work and travel greater distances to go to & from their work place.
9. The lack of social housing and building 4 & 5 bedroom homes does not for fill the need for people trying to buy their first property or affordable rented property. As already mentioned the University of Kent and other education establishments in the Canterbury area have taken up areas of Canterbury which should have been built as social housing and or starter homes of 1, 2 or 3 bedroom houses for local people to be able to afford (NOT London Boroughs dumping ground) & not executive style housing for people who move down from London ETC.
10. I object to this proposed housing development considering all of the aforementioned reasons and that it is known fact that developers promise some social housing / infrastructure but as the development goes on state they cannot afford it and change their proposals that is cost advantageous to their profit margins but at the cost of removing or reducing social housing / infrastructure proposals and building mor 4 & 5 bedroom homes with no new schools / GP's , Dentists, Solutions for waste water, drinking water, schools, traffic on local & main atrial routes.
Planning authorities seemed to fail to function during & since Covid as local developers or individuals have been allowed to build as the please in the smallest of pieces of ground properties that take up most of the footprint of the site, overlooking or blocking neighbouring properties

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Start planning for the future, not profit for developers who build & go and leave carnage to the local peoples and future developments residents to have to live with.

Where is the joined up planning between local Authorities between Canterbury City Council, Thanet District Council, Ashford Borough Council & Swale Council?

Yours Sincerely

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