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The Planning Department
Canterbury City Council
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RE: Objection to Policy W5 – Land at Brooklands Farm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the proposed development of Brooklands Farm as set out in the Draft Local Plan. The rationale for my objections is as follows:

1. Out of character

The village of Chestfield comprises 3,699 households (2011 Census). A proposed increase of 1,690 new homes therefore represents an increase in households of 45%. This is an enormous rate of increase that is out of character with the area, which currently enjoys a position as a small village bordered by the coast to the north and woodland to the south.

2. No consideration/provision for increased Canterbury-bound traffic

The draft local plan focuses on connections to Whitstable and Herne Bay. There is no consideration nor is there any provision for the predictable large increase in traffic towards Canterbury, a popular destination for retail, entertainment and fast trains to London for residents of Whitstable. Radfall Road is the only direct route to Canterbury from Chestfield. It is already frequently abused by drivers exceeding the 30mph limit, and there is no pavement on much of it, only a small verge. As a parent of young children living on Radfall Road, I am very concerned about the increased traffic noise and the risk of serious injury. A significant increase in traffic on that road would make taking the #5 bus and walking into the village untenable. A development of this size must include development of a new route to Canterbury that can withstand the increased traffic.

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3. Increased traffic noise from Thanet Way A299

Thanet Way is already a noisy road for local residents, with a constant thrum of traffic noise. The proposed new junction to Thanet Way will only make that worse, as well as making the local roads such as South Street and Chestfield Road rat runs to get to the junction.

Faithfully,

Louise Davies

Chestfield resident