

The Planning Department Canterbury City Council Council Offices Council Offices Military Road Canterbury CT1 1YW

Dear Sirs,

## Planning proposal for houses at Brooklands Farm

I wish to record the fact that <u>I OBJECT</u> to the above proposal which intends to build 1,300 new homes on Brooklands Farm. The grounds on which I object are as follows:

- Our NHS facilities in this area are stretched to the limit with the number of residents which they already have to treat. I know this is a nationwide problem but adding even more people to the area is not going to help.
- Over the last few years the water companies have demonstrated time and again that their infrastructure is incapable of dealing with the waste generated by the current number of residents. If this development goes ahead we can look forward to more and more sewage spillages into the sea, which will turn our coastline into a "no go" area for the many people who currently enjoy our local beaches.
- 3 The roads cannot cope with all these new housing developments. Drivers already have to factor in extra time for every journey due to the yearlong disruption caused by the closure of Bullockstone Road due to yet another housing development.
- In the current environment we are all supposed to do our bit trying to slow down global warming. Chopping down trees and building on top of every last square inch of greenery in the area is not going to help. We are in danger of turning this whole area into a concrete jungle with residents having to drive miles to find anywhere pleasant to walk.
- The term "affordable housing" is often quoted by developers in their plans, "affordable" by whom? The average wages in this area are much lower than they are in London and if past experience is anything to go by these new properties will be priced at a level which is unaffordable by local residents and will mainly end up being second homes for people coming down from London.

Yours Sincerely,
Bill Wright