



Objection to draft plan for development on Brooklands Farm

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To: consultations@canterbury.gov.uk

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am Peter Brand and reside at [REDACTED]

I have been advised that you will record and act upon my writing to you at this address with my submission to you before a deadline of 16th January 2023.

I write to protest in the strongest possible terms against the Brooklands Farm draft plan .

The sheer size of this proposed development is staggering - utterly unacceptable , if it proceeds in anything like the draft plan you will have destroyed the character of our community - the plans are unconscionable and would amount to an abuse of power. I understand you are required to take into account (and act in accordance with) the views of the local community . There has already been too much recent development on the borders of our village of Chestfield. . - kindly without delay be proactive and questionnaire every householder in South Street ,and the surrounding area including chestfield.about the brookland farm draft Plan .Your questionnaire online is a barrier to individuals like me making our views known to you . The format is unnecessarily complicated , it assumes and requires knowledge of a number of forms / schedules referred to therein of which we are ignorant.- so how can we accurately complete your questionnaire? I trust this is not a device to prevent the submission of views?

I understand the decision on whether to proceed lies with you and that our PM has confirmed that Westminster no longer dictates new build numbers and that Canterbury City Council must act in accordance with the wishes of the local population.

1 Swalebrook runs along the boundary with ILngtye Drive and Shepherds walk in Chestfield. My immediate neighbour's property regularly floods and already this winter the Swalebrook overflowed on the night of 31st January 2022 with half of her garden underwater.with the Brookland Farm field a partial lake . The Brookland farm fields are in part a floodplain - turning into a temporary lake opposite my property - but more than this the majority of the grassland area higher in the fields must act as a natural sponge/soakaway holding back water from heavy rain - our very real concern is that runoff from new areas of development on Brooklands Farm will result in our houses flooding . With climate change our homes are already at risk - we cannot - must not - be exposed to more jeopardy.

2. Sewerage ! 10th january 2022 BBC South east News highlighted current problems of a village flooded by the sewage from a new housing estate - this despite prior assurances from the developers and the council that there would be no problem.How very worrying when our sewerage system is currently widely reported as being unable to cope with heavy rain.

3. We do not want the character of our village further eroded by a doubling of houses in this development - already there has been too much unchecked development - our roads cannot cope and our quality of life has been adversely affected - further development will worsen the problems. We need all the green space we can retain.

You might wish to consider this proposed development on top of all that has recently gone before might well be political suicide for those sanctioning it. . Too much harm has already been permitted to our area through recent unchecked massive new building development . I used to love living in this area - to some extent I still do - do not ruin my life and [future](#).by building the equivalent of another Chestfield on Brooklands Farm.

I moved to the delightful village of Chestfield in 2002 . I am now angry anxious and frustrated by this draft proposal. The Canterbury council have already run roughshod over the Chestfield Parish Council by reversing the decision to refuse planning permission and permitting a build a 330 home estate on Grasmere pastures on Chestfield edge . As local residents many here are still trying to absorb this recent craven decision . More than enough harm has already been done .Kindly do no more and block this ludicrously large draft development on Brooklands Farm, South Street..

Thank yours faithfully
Peter Brand

