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Brooklands Farm Development

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OBJECTIONS

I am writing to object to the draft local plan with regard to the potential development of Brooklands Farm as a housing estate. As a resident of Chestfield for more than fifty years I have already seen much development in this area and there is a significant example at Grasmere Meadows in progress at present. The resources and facilities currently available cannot cope with the number of houses in this area now.

The sewerage system already has ongoing problems - frequently excess sewage is discharged into the sea at Swalecliffe and becomes a hazard for swimmers, surfers and yachtsmen. For years this has been getting worse.

Water supplies - the water pressure in our taps is already low. It is not unusual to have a hot dry summer so we often have a hose pipe ban and at the moment we have one in force even though it has been raining for weeks. The proposed development will significantly increase demand for water and past experience indicates that there is little prospect of increased supplies in the near future. We are just told to use less. We pay the water company to provide us with a proper supply throughout the year.

Flooding - this often happens in this area already because of the clay soil. Making much of the present farmland more impermeable is likely to make flooding, e.g. of the bottom of Radfall Hill and parts of South Street and Chestfield Road, more likely.

Over-congested roads - again this happens already. More housing will only exacerbate it.

Good farm land producing food will be sacrificed. We should be protecting national resources such as this farmland.

A positive aspect of the Whitstable area is the quality of its local health services in contrast to that reported of much of the rest of the country. With the shortage of doctors and nurses, etc. nationally it is probable that a significant increase in the local population will have a negative effect on a service which we can, at present, be proud of.

The spread of housing will affect the character of the different local areas whose individuality will be destroyed. Chestfield will merge into Whitstable. Herne Bay will merge into Chestfield. These places are different from each other and should be kept separate.

It is my view that permission to develop Brooklands Farm for housing should be refused.

Sent from my iPad