



brooklands farm proposed build development

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To the Planning Department of Canterbury Council,

We are writing to respond to your request for views on the proposed development on Brooklands Farm. As a resident of Chestfield we OBJECT to the proposed development for the following reasons;

The area is situated in flood zones 2 and 3 and continually, floods we have driven through a mass of water today when driving through South Street. 7/01/2023. The drainage to the whole of Whitstable is poor. We find it hard to believe that any development will improve this issue and would be very interested to know how - if the development of 1350 goes ahead.

In your own assessment of the land you have stated that Ancient Woodland runs through the farm making it an area of high landscape value. It is deemed to be of principle importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity and maintaining and restoring habitats. Therefore we question if a development of this size will be capable of meeting the requirements set out in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan?

In addition to this the site is of special scientific interest, due to the flora and fauna, making it an area of natural importance. There are valuable mineral resources will these not be destroyed by the development of 1350 houses?

You also state it is best and most versatile farmland, therefore how can we continue to build on farmland when there are food shortages and food prices continue to rise, how is this logical?

As development in the area increases how will you guarantee the appropriate infrastructure will be put in place to support the growth in population. The water companies and Highways Agency are unable to cope with the current population, our roads are poor they frequently flood and yet you plan to increase the number of vehicles on the road. Areas of Whitstable smell of sewage and sewage is being dumped into the sea. Where will the additional sewage go?

How will the hospitals and GP surgeries manage the increase in population are there plans to build a new hospital to cope with the bed shortages. Will there be more GP surgeries? I phoned for a doctor's appointment today 9/1/2023, the wait time was 50 minutes just to speak to the receptionist.

Will there be an increase in policing to the area, will public transport improve and will it become affordable?

You claim that the development will have limited impact on the surrounding residents. I am struggling to see how a development of this size will not affect the existing population. This will take years to develop with disruption to all residents with road closures, noise, dust, dirt and pollution.

We would also like to see an explanation as to why the less affluent area of Chestfield i.e. Blackberry Way is to suffer the most from this development. Why is there minimal green space adjacent to Blackberry Way set out on the plans. I strongly object to this and suggest that all residents are treated fairly regardless of the value of their property.

We believe that the farm and the land surrounding the farm is an area of outstanding beauty as do many residents, we would be deeply saddened to see this taken away from future generations to come - once it is gone it is gone forever!!!

We hope that you will take note of our objection to this development. If you allow this to go ahead you will remove green space from us all and destroy the uniqueness of Whitstable. If you lose tourists you will lose their much valued visitor spend, which is greatly appreciated by local business and Canterbury Council.

Yours faithfully

Mr, Mrs Mcilpatrick

