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Brooklands Farm Consultation

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Morning

I am responding to the consultation prepared by Canterbury City Council with regard to the review for development within the local area up to 2045

I am a local resident of Chestfield, have lived here with breaks away since 1962. Having seen how the village has progressively expanded to resemble more that of a suburb of Whitstable, have and am now observing the development of Grassmere Meadow. This is a site that will, moving forwards result in issues for the drainage infrastructure of Chestfield and Swalecliffe, should have remained an open space with a view to possibly have higher usage by the local community and diversity for the wild life. An opportunity missed through greed and the will to build high density lego box style houses with very little architectural merit and build quality

Further to that, the consultation is now looking to develop the land of Brooklands Farm, which with Grassmere Meadow had acted as the buffer zone between two urban areas, and to avoid having a dysfunctional sprawling mass of housing and industrial/recreational buildings (to the end it will end up looking like Crawley in West Sussex which is a bit of a disaster layout wise), with little thought to the wellbeing of the existing housing stock, people living there and open spaces/countryside

I am not against progressive development, but would encourage well planned small individual, even small infill developments of say a few houses at a time, less than 10, but to impose another, even larger major infrastructure development than Whitstable Heights and Grassmere Meadow, I believe is inappropriate, poor planning and unreasonable expectation on the part of the team trying to drive this through

The area has neither the raw assets to cope with such growth, be that national road network with only the M2/A2/A299 serving the area and only a two lane road congested at peak times, water supply (even with Broadoak Reservoir which will need replenishing (another Bewl Water issue), open space, drainage, sanitary processing etc. The list could go on. No matter what we build, there is a tipping point for population mass and I believe we are now at that point on this corridor due to the sheer scale of development since the 1980s

So yes, I would and do believe well thought out, high quality well designed individual and possibly small group developments are appropriate, but developments as are being imposed on Faversham, Herne Bay and Whitstable are inappropriate and you should revisit your game plan

Kindest Regards

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