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Local Plan to 2045

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the proposed three development sites identified for Whitstable with the draft Local Plan to 2045.

Whilst I appreciate and understand the need for new housing to be built within the town I feel I must object to these proposals for the following reasons:

There is already insufficient schools provision for the towns current population. This forces most of the young students to travel to school in either Canterbury or Faversham. The proposed developments do not address this problem.

There is already insufficient medical provision within the town. The building of the Chestfield Medical Practice was in response to the housing granted under the previous Local Plans rather than in anticipation of any further housing development. The proposed developments do not address this problem.

The local infrastructure (water supply and water treatment) is incapable of handling current needs. Hosepipe bans throughout the summer and raw sewerage being pumped into the sea every time there is a heavy rainfall confirm that these facilities need to be upgraded before any further housing is built. The draft Local Plan does not address this problem.

Before any further housing is permitted within the town the City Council should show that it has made provision for all these factors to have been addressed prior to planning permission being granted. Developers wishing to build new housing on green field sites should either be made, as a condition of the planning permission, to provide these infrastructure improvements or give the Council the appropriate funds for these improvements to be made. Any such improvements should be prior to building commencing or within the first phase of any development so that new housing has no impact on existing facilities.

I consider that it would be criminally negligent of the City Council to permit any development that would increase the possibility of water shortages or of untreated sewerage being dumped on our beaches. I accept that water supply and waste treatment are the responsibility of the water companies but, since they benefit financially from any new housing, they should be forced to upgrade their infrastructure in advance of any new housing/industrial developments.

I trust my objections will be taken into account by the Council

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