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CCC Draft Local Plan 2045

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Hi there

As a resident of Whitstable (CT5) I would like to give my thoughts on the CCC Draft Local Plan currently under discussion. My comments only relate to section W, relating to Whitstable.

- Whitstable is a small town with limited infrastructure - schools, sewerage, transport, parking etc and has already seen extensive housing development relative to its size - eg Whitstable Heights. Another 1,690 homes is too many for a small town like ours. We need to house people, especially those on low incomes, but vast housing estates do not build the sense of community that this heritage town is known for
- The new schools proposed for Brooklands Farm will not be operational for several years. A large number of Whitstable schoolchildren are having to travel to Canterbury or Herne Bay for schooling and this will only get worse with Whitstable Heights becoming populated. Why not build the schools first?
- the current housing plans will create developments that are not a short walk to town and will therefore encourage car use. The traffic into Whitstable on Borstal Hill is already congested, especially in summer, and a major cause of pollution. How does this sit with the Council's pledges on sustainability?
- Why is every house not guaranteed to have an air source or ground source heat pump, solar panels and an electric charging point?
- Every house should also be built with drainage to ensure that rainwater and run off does not end up in the already overloaded local sewage system
- Building this many houses like this will destroy our green belt. Rural green spaces like Brooklands Farm or the land along the Thanet Way cannot be replaced by grass stripes and concrete gardens included into developments as token efforts by developers to tick a green box
- Kent is the known as the garden of England. It won't remain that way if every inch of rural space is built on

With thanks
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