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Proposed development at Brooklands Farm - Objections

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I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

Firstly, that the character of Whitstable, a small town, is being forever changed by the developments which are already under way and already granted permission for, plus this much larger site proposal.

Second, that such a large development will have a major impact on already scarce resources and stretched infrastructure:

- in one of the driest areas of England, where is the water supply for all these homes to come from? It will be a long while before the proposed Broad Oak reservoir is available
- we already have frequent and recurring problems with sewage in the district, whether impacting on important habitats and wildlife as at Stodmarsh, or in sewage being pumped into the sea. How on earth can more than a thousand homes be built without exacerbating this?
- drainage issues and flooding were raised as objections to the much smaller Grasmere Gardens site - what would be the implications of a development many times that size?
- where are the school places to meet the need of all these homes?
- where are the GP's and other medical staff to come from to meet the needs of the new residents? We are very lucky to have Whitstable Medical Practice locally, but they can't 'magically' find scarce new staff to meet the needs of thousands of new locals

Other issues the proposed development will only make worse and for which there can be no mitigation include:

- traffic - thousands of extra vehicles on local roads NB this site should definitely not be given vehicular access onto South Street, which is a narrow, winding and undulating LANE.
- traffic pollution
- noise pollution
- light pollution

I am not opposed to all development - but I am definitely opposed to what in my experience tends to happen - developers weasel out of the requirements for much needed affordable and social housing and infrastructure, both physical and other, is only put in place long after the additional people put strain on an area. If some development is inevitable it is essential for the council to stand firm on these issues.

Yours sincerely,

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