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Brookland Farm Whitstable Chestfield development

1 message

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I wish to register my objections to the above development.

I object to these plans for many reasons.

- 1. Food security has come to all our attention since Putin invaded Ukraine. To sacrifice farmland to housing seems insane. Once the houses are built, the food production is lost for ever. We were told that Brexit was to take back control. This surrenders that control to world markets.
- 2. The health of the environment is a measure of the life support for the population. England's biodiversity is amongst the lowest in the developed world. The once common farmland bird, the Yellow Hammer, is in steep decline, as are other farmland species. Most of these declines are through loss of habitat.
- 3. Added population increases water usage. We, in Whitstable, are struggling with drought regularly. How can it be sensible to attract a greater population to an area that has problems with the basics? Then the treatment of sewage rears its head. Southern Water can't or won't deal with the proper treatment of sewage at the current level. How will they deal with an increased load?
- 4. The population will require infrastructure to support their lives. The health service is at breaking point. The ratio of doctors to patients in Whitstable is one of the worst. Building more houses will not increase doctor numbers. In fact, they are struggling to keep doctor numbers at the current levels, let alone increase them.

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