



12 January 2023

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing to OBJECT to the draft local plan with regard to the potential development of Brooklands Farm as a housing estate. I have lived in Chestfield for over fifty years and seen much development in this area already. The utilities cannot cope with the number of houses in this area now.

- 1) Sewerage - frequently excess sewage is dumped into the sea so that it becomes contaminated for swimmers, surfers and yachtsmen. For years this has been getting worse.
- 2) Water - Almost every year we have had a hose pipe ban and at the moment we have one in force even though it has been raining for weeks. It is a farce. What will happen if more houses are built? Not enough water for anyone. We are just told to use less. We pay the water company to provide us with a proper supply throughout the year.
- 3) Flooding - this often happens in this area already because of the clay soil. It is not dealt with properly at the moment.
- 4) Overcongested roads - again this happens already. More housing will only exacerbate it.
- 5) Good farm land producing food will be sacrificed. Why not find brownfield sites instead?
- 6) The character of different areas will be destroyed. Chestfield will merge into Whitstable. Herne Bay will merge into Chestfield. These places are all individual and should be kept separate.

These are the reasons why I OBJECT to the proposed development of Brooklands Farm for housing.

Yours faithfully,

