

To whom it may concern ~ regarding the proposed development of another housing estate on the present land used as Brooklands Farm. When I took up residency here thirty years ago to be closer to my sister and her husband (a man of Kent) this area was certainly a green and pleasant land.

Gradually pockets of land were developed but not developed necessarily to improve the environment. Instead the habitat of animals shared by my neighbours and myself on our properties became threatened as more buildings were constructed and roads plus hardstanding plots increased for the vehicles that the new residents owned.

Consequently we have experienced more flooding and the birds, bees, butterflies, hedgehogs and foxes have depleted too. Often there is evidence of

roadkill on grass verges as animals have tried to escape the men and machinery involved in the latest developments eg: Sharnston near Bawtrey, plus the Shaver Way at the top of Borstal Hill and Deneau Downs (to name just three locations).

The media have exposed the problems that the Water Authorities are struggling with, often caused by the additional demands of the extra-housing and the need to provide fresh water and dispose of soiled water. We already have effluent spilling over our environment, our coastline, our rivers and streams - and of course the sea. (Sad, but true)

Whether the country's housing situation will improve through the numerous projects currently being constructed depends on the quality and standard of the planning by the respective local and central government departments.

I believe we need to focus on ways to save

our planet and to do this we need to support Nature. More buildings mean more

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pollution, more demands on amenity services including energy supplies, sewage treatment, etc Perhaps declaring the land as a Common or

Le Vieil Moulin De Briand - Father And Son Fishing In The Woodland

Painting By Joseph Leuwers © Medici / Man / Fran

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Park would ~~be~~ more positive, happy and healthy future for all of the community?!

Older properties, already in situ, could be renovated and improved to cope with our



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changing climate - before being provided as accommodation to those seeking housing.

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I have spoken to other Whitestable residents and they support my views but we were only made aware of Beaulieu City Council's plan on Thursday. Hopefully you will reconsider.



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