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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed development at Golden Hill for traveller gypsy pitches and affordable housing (Ref: N21/N24), as outlined in the Canterbury District Local Plan.

I strongly disagree with this proposal for the following reasons:

1. **Inadequate Infrastructure:** The plan would put an unsustainable strain on the already pressured local infrastructure, particularly in Sturry, Hersden, and surrounding areas. Roads, drainage, and utilities are already under pressure and cannot support further expansion.
2. **Landscape & Environmental Damage:** Golden Hill is an area of outstanding natural beauty. Any development will permanently damage the landscape, affecting biodiversity, open countryside, and the character of the local area.
3. **Scale of Development:** The density and scale of the proposal are entirely inappropriate for this location, which is semi-rural and not suited for intensive housing developments.
4. **Traffic & Congestion:** The roads in and around Golden Hill are already congested, narrow, and hazardous. Increased traffic will worsen congestion, create safety risks (particularly for pedestrians and cyclists), and significantly reduce air quality.
5. **Public Rights of Way:** The proposed development would impact footpaths and access routes in the area, including connections to the popular Crab and Winkle Way. These must be preserved in good condition and kept open.
6. **Flood Risk:** The land is prone to flooding and development would worsen this risk, threatening existing residents and undermining safe land use.
7. **Tourism & Local Character:** The development would damage the rural appeal of this part of Kent, negatively affecting tourism and the wider community character.
8. **Housing Market Impact:** The introduction of such a scheme risks devaluing existing homes, upsetting the balance of housing demand, and affecting rental and resale values.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject this proposed development and protect both the local environment and community.

Yours faithfully,
Emily Porter-Ward and Richard Knott

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