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I would like to raise serious concerns regarding the proposals N21 and N24 on Golden Hill in Whitstable.

In my opinion Whitstable is already over-full with housing for the roads and many other services available, especially in the summer season. Efforts to shoe-horn more and more housing into the confined space will be detrimental and will affect everyone in the town, including the shops.

As you can see from my address I would be directly and adversely affected by the proposed changes as [REDACTED] has its only entrance and exit on Golden Hill, near to the 'Old' Thanet Way. Two other adjacent housing estates are Arum Close and Aurelie Way, and they have exactly the same problem.

Traffic:

1. It is already very difficult, dangerous and time-consuming to make a right turn out of Golden Hill onto the Old Thanet Way due to the amount of cars coming from both left and right.
2. If the decision is taken to turn left and go down to the small roundabout opposite Whitstable Heights to do a 180° turn the problem still exists as cars deciding to turn right at Golden Hill are blocking the exit.
3. I can safely predict there will be a very serious accident at this junction sooner or later due to the poor layout of the roads. I frequently see near misses and harsh use of brakes at this junction.

4. The only other exit/entrance is to risk the single-lane Golden Hill/Bogshole Lane route, but that is very poorly surfaced and the bridge over the New Thanet Way looks to be in very poor repair.
5. The exit from Bogshole Lane onto Clapham Hill/Pean Hill is concealed and poorly designed, and fast moving traffic, especially from the right, is very hard to see if you are trying to exit, especially when exiting to the right.
6. The exit is poorly designed as it rises steeply upwards just at the point where a car is waiting to exit, so quick exits have to be very carefully timed and are dangerous.
7. These problems in Golden Hill will only be exacerbated by construction traffic going to the proposed sites, especially with the very narrow turn from Golden Hill up the narrow cart track to the proposed pitches.
8. At the very least the site should have provision for an exit/entrance from the roundabout opposite Whitstable Heights **before** work begins on N21/N24.
9. 70 new dwellings and a minimum of 20 caravan pitches constitute a large rise in the number of cars using Golden Hill, and then add the movement of caravans, cars and vans from the pitches. It will severely affect an already poor and depressing situation.

Utilities and Amenities:

1. Whitstable has just gone through a complete mains water cut-off, for over a week in some places, and I know this went as far as Dunkirk. I can't really see the logic of continually building large new residential estates when the most basic utilities are completely stretched beyond their capability.
2. There is an area of the Old Thanet Way around the Golden Hill traffic lights/pedestrian crossing leading down to the Millstrood Rd/Tesco roundabout that is frequently flooded by a broken water-main. I can count at least three major sets of road-works in the last five years. If the mains water supply is in such a bad state why are you adding even more stress on the area.
3. You could write a book about the problems of sewage in Whitstable and its effect on the bathing water and beaches in the area. I won't bother listing them but everybody on the council.
4. About a year ago there was an electrical fire under the road at the top of Aurum Close and Golden Hill. We lost electricity in the area and it took several days to fix. In the meantime there was a portable generator connected to the mains electric supply to keep the houses going. Again, is the quality of the infrastructure good enough to take all these additional houses and people?
5. It takes a small amount of time to get a Doctor's appointment, but the best date I could get for my heart condition was 6 weeks in the future! This situation will only get worse unless some more local Doctors are allowed into the area. There is no point having a single huge health centre on Estuary View if the people wanting to use it can't drive or walk to it, or the traffic is so hideous it can take 30 minutes to drive from Golden Hill to Estuary View, or the initial problem is exacerbated because of the time between getting an appointment and the actual appointment is so long..

6. If you are going to have multiple thousands more people living in Whitstable then I consider it the council's FIRST priority to make sure the correct infrastructure, utilities and amenities are sorted out BEFORE permission is given, and if they are not available or just pie-in-the-sky thinking from planners, then permission should be withheld.

Brooklands Farm Development:

1. The fact that there is an additional massive housing project with 1,300 houses being strongly considered quite literally a stones throw away from Golden Lane is just incredulous! Do you actually want the town to grind to a halt?
2. Which lucky London borough is going to be able to send its trouble-makers to these new houses, taking a home away from local people?
3. Brooklands Farm will take years to complete and if Golden Hill is going on at the same time it's going to get pretty miserable around here.
4. The road network is barely coping now, let alone if construction traffic is added on top. One small hiccup and it just grinds to a halt.

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