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Dear Councillor,

I have looked at the proposed development on Golden Hill Whitstable.

I have a number of concerns and feel that the plans are completely flawed and need to be addressed before any decision is made.

Concern 1

Infostructure - Infostructure in Whitstable is already struggling. Over the last few years, the number of properties has increased dramatically with estates like Whitstable heights (400 homes), Benacre view (200 homes), Bodkin Farm (300 homes) and Estuary view has a new development for retail, residential and care homes. We are already struggling with drainage, drainage leaks in our old pipework and water supply (we have been on a hose pipe ban for since the 18th July 2025). It is ludicrous to think of expanding while we cannot cope before more expansion.

Moreover, because of the poor deficiencies we are having a dire increase in pollution, sewage releases in our seas (which is causing not only ecological disaster - it its impacting our cultural heritage, effected trade in town and health of its residence from contracting germs like E.coli for going in the sea!)

Concern 2

Traffic - With the increase of properties comes more cars/traffic. On addition to this Whitstable over the summer months is already highly congested with holiday makers, which in turn means drivers using smaller unsuitable roads lie Bogshole lane and church street, which are not suitable or capable for such traffic. It is a safety hazard let alone the increase in pollution that it brings. The refuse collection, maintenance to the bridge further down the lane and emergency services already struggle with the current layout of the roads on and off of Golden hill.

Concern 3

Open and green space - Our open and green space has been eroded dramatically since the expansion of so many properties in a short space of time. it doesn't just effect the ecology of our area, it also effects our mental health. Covid has taught us how important getting out and having fresh air and exercise is so important.

Concern 4

The Access route planned is a concern of mine. As a wheelchair user and as a person that regularly uses an already ill thought-out accessible routes makes it hard to leave my estate On Eversleigh rise I regularly have to use the road because of vehicles being parked on the paths and some paths I cannot even get off the kerb because there isn't a suitable drop kerb the kerb entrance/exit is blocked, With increased traffic it will be unbearable to leave my estate. So if the plan is for adaptable properties then this needs to be thought through better as the new residence will be in a similar situation as myself . I believe disabled people should be included in the planning and the process of such properties. I would be happy to have a discussion and show the issues I have with the current accessibility, the flaws of the estates around and any new estates.

Although, I agree that social housing and adapted housing is really needed in the area -**I am frustrated at the derogatory tone that these sort of properties are on the same level of social scale of a 'Berdon' to society that we will house 'Those kind of people' with the travellers and keep them away from the more expensive side of the Old Thanet Way. Because we can't run the risk of de-valuing the more desirable side of Whitstable, just because someone is under privileged and disabled doesn't mean the council can include such bias in there planning! This is an antiquated view and there has been many more modern studies done on the improvement of the economic and social benefits of merging and including social and adaptable properties in newer estates.**

I also have a safety concern that Traveller rivalry and the close proximity (Inter-family rivalry) have far reaching consequences. **It is well documented that such rivalry causes violence, loss of life, property destruction, higher mental health prevalence and fear amongst the Travellers and the community around them.**

Firstly, Why on earth would this be considered a suitable site when there is an already established site so close by? An even bigger concern is that the said Traveller family 'Cosier' has a historic known reputation for being violent. Only recently a family member 'William Cosier' was jailed for murder in 2024 for stabbing someone with a kitchen knife!!!

Secondly, Housing the least able in society at the furthest point of facilities is cruel. If they can manage to get to Tesco (which I have already stated it isn't a safe accessible route in a wheelchair) there is only a bus every hour. In addition to this there is no amenities this side of the Thanet way , so this will cause social isolation and real struggle to manage even basic living tasks. Again why on earth would the council consider such an application for the most venerable people in society, especially next to a such high risk situation being situated and sandwiched next to Traveller sites? It is discrimination and **Ablism** at its worst, I am disgusted!

I look forward to your opinion, and support on the matter.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Castle



