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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a lifelong resident of Whitstable to object to the proposed development at Golden Hill. While I recognise the need for affordable housing and provision for traveller communities, I have serious concerns about the suitability of this location and the wider impact it will have on Whitstable and its residents.

**1. Traffic and Road Safety**

Traffic in and around Whitstable is already stretched to capacity, particularly at peak times and during the summer tourist season. The proposed development will significantly increase congestion on already busy local roads. Golden Hill and surrounding routes are not designed to absorb further pressure, and this will create greater risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and schoolchildren.

**2. Sewage and Drainage Capacity**

The sewage and drainage systems in this part of Whitstable are already struggling to cope, with regular overflows and strain on existing infrastructure. Adding more properties and hard surfaces will only exacerbate the problem, increasing the risk of flooding and pollution.

**3. Loss of Green Space**

The proposed development threatens yet more of the remaining green areas that form an essential buffer around Whitstable. These spaces are vital not only for biodiversity but also for the health and wellbeing of the community. Once lost, they cannot be replaced.

**4. Character of Whitstable**

Whitstable is a unique town with a distinct character that draws both residents and visitors. Overdevelopment and the erosion of open spaces risk damaging the very qualities that make this community special. Having lived here my whole life, I feel strongly that inappropriate large-scale development undermines the heritage and identity of the area.

**5. Impact on Property Prices**

Overdevelopment, congestion, and pressure on local infrastructure will inevitably make Whitstable a less desirable place to live. This will negatively affect property values and the long-term investment that families, like mine, have made in their homes.

For these reasons, I urge you to reject this application. Development must be carefully planned to protect the character, environment, and quality of life in Whitstable, rather than placing further unsustainable strain on its infrastructure and community.

Yours faithfully,

