
150 Houses East of Chestfield Road N20, 70 houses on Golden Hill N21, N22, N23 plus Policy W4 Brookland s Farm

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Dear Sirs

Further to the recent incredulous proposal to build 1,350 properties at Brookland Farm I am astounded that all comments made have thus far been ignored as further proposals have been submitted as referenced above.

It is understood that some building is required as directed by Government, however the Government does not live and provide employment in this area. Having grown up and lived here for most of my 60 years, the last 26 in Chestfield, I have seen a lot of construction and the area's landscape has altered dramatically. The excess of proposals is to bombard and confuse, thus encouraging us mere locals to concede and give up the very last green areas of CT5.

Therefore I strongly oppose the extent of building being proposed. It should all be scrapped as the area does not require this amount of property. Property is now worth around 20% less than a couple of years ago and is not selling easily. This shows the abundance of housing in this area to those who are able to purchase. The quantity of social housing is very small and appears (as shown at Whitstable Heights) to be housing out of area residents before being offered to those locally in order to relieve the social housing issues in London. Accordingly, we will be sacrificing the following in order to supplement Londoners buying cheaper (often 2nd homes for holidays) and being able to rent by the seaside (as declared to me personally by some residents of the social housing who have come from London areas):

1. Inadequate water supplies. To build any more housing in this area is completely irresponsible and immoral. Even with the new reservoir planned for Calcott (should it ever become a reality after 30 years in the putting-off process). We are on a hose pipe ban still, and are told that the water is just not available. With global warming this is not going to improve. Even with the new reservoir this is still not enough to supply the area before any further building has occurred. To build, and build, and build before a practical and sustainable solution has been found for the current usage requirements it is immoral to not be taking this seriously. We are going to be paying extortionately higher water bills to have any solutions to the current problems, and unless these issues are addressed practically a complete ban on housing should be in place.

2. Traffic and pollution and congestion. Self explanatory, and as I noted on the Brooklands Farm proposal in the summer. If a junction is built at Radfall this will make Chestfield a rat run for lorries and commercial traffic to the business estate with short cuts to Canterbury and Chestfield and Greenhill all collating the the Chestfield roundabout, which does flood when its been raining by the way. Once this has been given the green light the current laws will make it difficult for Canterbury City Council to prevent yet further development along the A299 corridor.

3. Healthcare is inadequate already in the CT5 area. Proposals to add another few thousand people will cripple it. There is insufficient parking available at all surgeries currently, and it is again immoral for it to be expected to just cope. Because it just wont.

4. Whitstable has a beautiful backdrop of country and woodland, making it a unique and pleasant place to live. To build to the excesses proposed will destroy the wildlife and green spaces making it unrecognizable and an urban sprawl of characterless concrete.

Please consider the effects that the local people will suffer with mental health. We need clean air and a sense of well-being to survive as a species. Even if I could afford to move away the problem will follow with this governments drive to over-build. I run a small business and need to work until well over retirement age. I have responsibilities to my employees so can't just up-sticks. If I am made to live in a polluted, noisy and concreted urban overspill of London then I will be dependent on the NHS for the rest of life. Of course, there is always suicide.

Your serious attention is greatly appreciated by the majority of of people who share and currently live in this lovely area, we implore you to make the right decisions based on facts that are undeniably proving that building to the extent proposed will cause irreversible damage to the cycle of life here in this area.

Mrs Angela Delo