
N20, N21 and N24

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express deep concern and objection to the proposed local plan. I have already expressed my concerns about the Brooklands site, I am now wishing to express my objections to N20, N21 and N24.

I am a local resident of Whitstable [REDACTED] and I am appalled and deeply saddened at the current state of Whitstable. I can no longer enjoy views of the sea, from Golden Hill, when I walk my dog and neither can my sons as they walk to school. This is due to the extensive building on the Duncan Downs, a site now called Whitstable Heights. A site, that I believe has issues with their drains which has resulted in raw sewage running down their roads. A site, that I also believe to be under-occupied, with many of the houses remaining empty. Why are you planning to build more houses when new builds remain vacant? Can you tell me what demand is for housing in this area and when this data was collected?

Now, it has been brought to my attention that a further 3 sites close to my home, are to be considered to be built upon, in addition to the extensive building proposed at Brooklands Farm.

N21 and N24 are closest to my home. My main concerns and objections to build on these proposed sites are loss of greenscape - there will be no beautiful long distance views left, loss of habitat for wildlife - apart from the more common species, I frequently spot wrens, blue tits, great tits, swifts, woodpeckers, bats, hedgehogs and foxes in this area - where will they go? How will water supply and waste be managed? We are currently under a hose pipe ban and caution to use tap water wisely as supply is low and we can't use the sea because raw sewage is regularly pumped into it!! Which just fills me with horror and sadness in equal measure. It's such a sad sight to see the sea empty of people, even on the hottest of days. I used to grumble about how busy the beach got in the summer months but now the beach is empty when compared to previous summers and I wonder the impact this has had on local business? And surely, if the water companies can't cope at present, how will adding more homes help this situation? It won't, it will worsen it!

Being someone who enjoys walking and also as a concerned parent, I have grave concerns about the impact all these new homes will have on our roads. As a resident of Eversleigh Rise, I can tell you, it is nigh on impossible to turn right out of the Golden Hill junction during peak hours! The roads around here already feel very congested and polluted with exhaust fumes, without adding more residents. I regularly have to walk in the road as people park their cars on the path in Golden Hill, there is only a path on one side of the road and not room for one on the other side. So I have a lot of concerns regarding road safety already, without increasing the number of cars on the roads.

Finally, with regards to site N20 - in addition to the points already made for N21 and N24 (which I feel apply equally) I am concerned about drainage, specifically rain water run off. The road, as you turn right out of South Street, (heading towards Clowes Woods) as you pass under the bridge (which is the Thanet way passing over) the road there frequently floods, to the extent that I have had to turn around and find an alternative route into work. I believe that further building on land is only going to cause further flooding onto roads - roads that are not even fit for purpose! They all contain potholes and are incredibly bumpy to drive along, road markings are worn and we lack adequate pedestrian pathways and cycle lanes.

I believe firmly, that at the very least, infrastructure must be fixed before any further development of the area is even considered!

Thank you for considering my concerns and objections.

With regards,
Leanne Coleman