
Draft Canterbury District Local Plan

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As a resident of Chestfield, I wish to object to the amended proposed Draft Canterbury District Local Plan for the Whitstable area. I objected strongly, and I still do, to the original proposals for the Whitstable/Chestfield area in general and Brooklands Farm in particular (policy W4) circulated in March 2024. By adding a proposal for the development of land east of Chestfield Road (policy N20), the problems will just be compounded and would make the overall proposed local plan even less acceptable. I will outline these problems below.

I already have a sense of being enclosed in an over developed environment, squeezed between the sea and the ancient woodlands of Blean and any new development on the scale proposed for Chestfield/Whitstable will only exacerbate that feeling.

The proposed new developments would worsen road traffic issues considerably. Every time there is new development in the local area, to me it is obvious that the amount of local traffic increases. This is on roads that are already at near saturation point at times. It could be said that the proposed new junction off the A299 in south Chestfield would obviate some of that, but it seems to me that the effect would be the opposite. A lot of traffic would use the junction simply to get into or from major towns (London/Thanet to/from Whitstable/Herne Bay/Canterbury) travelling along such roads as Chestfield Road and Radfall Road that are not designed as major routes, causing misery to local residents. Any plans for this new junction should be scrapped.

There has for many years been a flooding issue in Chestfield such that neither Swalecliffe Brook/Burnan Brook nor the main sewer running along Chestfield Road can cope during periods of heavy rain, causing flooding at times and this would only be exacerbated by all the proposed new development. Problems with the sewage system need to be radically addressed before any new development is even contemplated or planned.

I therefore urge CCC to reconsider the local plan as Chestfield/Whitstable is not the right place for future development for the reasons stated above.

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