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Dear Sirs,

I have copied below my initial concerns about the Brooklands development sent just after the public meeting in the Chestfield W.I. hall. I have now found that the proposal has been extended by 150 houses. This is an increase of over 11%. There is no indication of the developers building anything to serve the new community apart from "Health Facilities" with no indication of what this means. Developments of this size require facilities such as a school, surgery and shops, all before the house building was complete. I feel this is indicative of no consideration being given to the needs of the new community. This will put a lot of pressure on existing facilities including extra traffic with associated pollution, extra water demand, increased sewage problems (which are already struggling without dumping sewage in the sea) and extra demand on NHS facilities.

I might well be considered as a 'NIMBY' but recognise the need for more housing, but there is a limit on the number actually needed as evidenced by houses still for sale on the Grasmere Gardens and Whitstable Heights developments, which indicates that the housing market in this area is nearly at saturation point. So why build more large developments?

I trust you will take these concerns seriously and stop this development.

Regards

Alan Chalkley

Previous objections:-

I am writing as a concerned resident of Chestfield to strongly oppose this proposal. I recently went to the recent public consultation at the W.I. hall in Chestfield and came away with more reservations than before I went.

Nexus stated that they are going along with a requirement to build 1149 houses per year 'to meet local requirements'. At present we have a number of sites that have already been started to fulfil this requirement. I contest the requirement that this is to meet local needs as 1) most houses in the Grassmere Gardens development have been completed but remain empty due to lack of sales and 2) the low cost housing in nearby Whitstable Heights are occupied by people from a London Borough (which has brought gangs, firearms and drugs). How does building more houses solve an alleged local need?

Apparently 30% of the housing would be low cost but I was given no assurance that these would be available to young local families struggling to get on the housing ladder and the fear felt by myself and others at the consultation would be that they would go to people from London Boroughs with the associated problems already seen at Whitstable Heights.

Nexus propose a link from the A299 East-bound carriageway. What use is this if there is no access to or from the West-bound carriageway?

There is a proposal to re-route South Street into the proposed development 'for local use'. When I asked about this 'local' refers to residents of the proposed development only, Other current local residents would be severely impacted by this. This new road would be blocked off within the site with a road going through the site. At present I can easily drive from Chestfield Road to Tesco along South Street but would then have to drive through the site which would annoy the residents as well as myself.

I understand that the site would produce in the region of 400 tons per day of sewage. The current treatment works at Swalecliffe can't with current demand. There are proposals to have areas to hold rainwater but nothing to help with the sewage. The treatment works currently serves 9-10,000 residents, with an increase of over 3,000 residents this proposal would bring what would happen with the resulting sewage?

There was talk of 'Health Facilities' being built but the NHS is struggling at the moment; where will the doctors, nurses and other staff come from? When I asked a Nexus representative at the consultation he shrugged his shoulders and said "I don't know" I assume from this that the local NHS surgery has not been consulted. Why not? Is this because no NHS facilities will actually be built?

I have lived in a development not much larger than this one and many promises were made about local facilities being built even after planning permission had been granted which never materialised; what guarantees are there that all the proposed local facilities would actually be built?

Whitstable is the nearest town, but is not large and there is insufficient infrastructure to support this development.

Apparently there is inclusion for bus use. No buses currently run along South Street and services have recently been cut back, so where are the new bus services going to appear from?

I would greatly appreciate a reply to the above concerns and questions.

From the above, it is obvious that I strongly object to this proposal and hope that this, and the many other objections will cause this proposal to be abandoned.

Alan Chalkley