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Dear Sirs

I object to the Brooklands Farm Development and the additional 150 houses on land east of Chestfield Road for the following reasons;

There is such a diverse amount of wildlife in this area, I live in Shepherds Walk which is right next to the fields that will be developed. I have regular visits from Owls, Sparrow Hawks, Woodpeckers, field mice, foxes, hedgehogs, newts and frogs. I see a family of Buzzcocks hunting over the fields regularly and a heron perches on the trees opposite and I believe a baby heron has been spotted on South Street. We have ducks and moorhens roaming around the quiet streets.

So much development in this area is displacing the wildlife from their habitats, so much so that foxes are regularly spotted dead on the roads. The saddest thing I witnessed lately was a Kestrel hovering over a building site that used to be its hunting ground.

The biodiversity needs to be protected.

In addition to this the impact on the roads from the additional amount of traffic, I travel into Canterbury every weekday morning, I have no choice but to take the car because the bus service is pitiful from Chestfield. However, the buses can't cope with the country lanes and the amount of traffic. If these developments are built the roads will not cope, they are not coping now. Radfall Road area through to Tyler Hill are country roads with no footpaths and putting in slip roads will not support the area, motorists will still use this route as a 'rat run', therefore this provision is not acceptable.

Pollution will be a problem

Every acre of growing crops removes up to 4 times more harmful greenhouse gas than a car produces, building over these fields will impact our air quality. Chestfield is surrounded by dual carriageways. It will impact people's health.

Water and Sewage

I don't really have to explain any more it is evident that this is a massive issue in this area.

Doctors and Dentists

We just don't have enough appointments available any more, they can't cope with the amount of patients at the moment.

Flooding

Again a problem that has been ongoing and has proven to be getting worse since the Grassmere Gardens development, you only have to drive up past McDonalds in what is just a heavy rainfall to see the affect that this estate has had on the water table.

Existing Housing

My next door neighbour has been unable to sell their house because numerous surveys have revealed that the water table is high and several buyers have been advised not to continue with the purchase. I am worried that the proposed housing estate will have a huge impact on the water table and that all of the houses in [REDACTED] will be un-sellable.

Why do we need more houses HERE? Just a quick search on Rightmove within a 5-mile radius of CT5 there are approximately 1000 houses for sale within the £250-£400K band with 2 bedrooms and up. My friend cannot sell her house, which has been on the market for over a year, because there are similar houses for a similar price on these developments - but of course they come with new carpets, kitchens and bathrooms and other incentives, so they are having problems.

The list goes on, but **if the Council allows this it will be a disaster for the residents of Chestfield**

Kind regards

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