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With regards to the sites N4 and N5, I think this should be brownfield sites, not greenfield.

Re areas R7 and R8 in Littlebourne, I strongly believe that no further development should be considered until the existing water infrastructure is fully developed and working as the current sewage and waste water treatment works serving the Little Stour Valley have repeatedly failed to cope during period of high rainfall. Evidence from the Environment Agency show ongoing breaches in water quality (Nitrogen and Phosphates) in the Little Stour caused by release of untreated waste water during wet winter weather. All further housing development needs be halted until the current sewage and waster treatment facilities serving this Valley already have been brought put to a standard that is fit for purpose and complies with national standards. Climate change and recent housing development in Littlebourne have increase waste water run-off and drainage structure need to be improved e.g. by separating road run off waste water pipes from those carrying household sewage and waste water. This improvement might reduce current problems with overloaded drainage, sewage and use of constant road tanker pump out service during wet seasons.

The environmental concerns around protection of the Little Stour chalk stream should be paramount in any planning. Chalk streams are rare and precious . The Government has said they “are a source of national pride. As one of Britain’s most nature rich habitats, they support some of our rarest wildlife and could be further enhanced by being designated a wildlife reserve that could protected for the enjoyment of future generations walking the Little Stour Valley.

Yours sincerely
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