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Re: Canterbury District Local Plan

I have objections to

a) the continued inclusion of land at Brooklands Farm as a site for development (policy W4) and

b) the new proposal for development of land east of Chesfield Road (policy N20)

With regard to policy N20, it is in close proximity to Brooklands and therefore subject to the same objections (outlined below) I have already made in previous submissions relating to Brooklands.

Impact on the character of the area

There has been a considerable amount of new housing in the district in the last 50 years with the loss of many fields and open spaces and many former country footpaths becoming urban passageways. In spite of this Chestfield still has the ambiance of a reasonably spacious village with a pleasant aspect of open countryside and fields to the south. That needs to be preserved to prevent Chestfield from becoming part of a totally urban environment.

Increase in traffic

As has happened with all previous developments, the new homes will inevitably generate more traffic and associated noise and pollution in already busy local roads. Chestfield Road which runs through the Conservation Area is already unpleasantly busy at peak times.

Flooding and drainage

Drainage/sewerage is currently inadequate and flooding is a problem in parts of Chestfield Road and elsewhere during heavy rainfall. The sewage overflows from the existing treatment works have been so bad as to receive adverse national publicity and there can be no case for new development until there has been a complete renewal of the public drainage system.

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