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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 October 2025 16:16
To: Consultations
Subject: FW: Planning application reference CA/25/00779 and Alteration to local plan-focused consultation. N20, N21, N23 and N24

--Email From External Account--

Good afternoon,

I have resubmitted my original objection letter to you regarding the Brooklands Farm development. I am not expecting you to re-read this, but just to understand how concerned I am about yet more development in The Chestfield Ward. I refer in particular to Policy N20 land to the east of Chestfield Road for 150 new dwellings, although policy N21, N23 and N24 are also of concern as they border The Brooklands Farm, which then relates to all the concerns I raised on CA/25/00779.

We are already struggling with our **water supply** and are about to enter our sixth month on a hosepipe ban. Rain is a finite resource, so I am very concerned about how much can be done about improving this situation. I understand that you are keen to engage with our local water company as stated in the draft plan which spans many years. To date the water company have proved that they operate without integrity and appear to be accountable to no one, so I do not see this situation changing and we as residents are only going to see our local supply and services compromised even further than they are now. The same argument applies with sewage management and that recent upgrades in our area are proving to be woefully below what is needed now, never mind with a further 1600 homes and new commercial sites too.

We do not have the **infrastructure** in place to manage such a huge expansion of this area and the impact of around 1600 new homes on our roads, with increased volumes of traffic, higher pollution levels and the risk to the safety of drivers and pedestrians is a real concern.

Our local **medical centres** providing healthcare and dentistry are already struggling to cope with our current population. I recognise that there is some provision to enhance these within some of the larger developments, if they go ahead, but if you start adding in yet more houses into the mix then it is set to fail and we will be worse off than we are now.

Our green spaces are being snatched at every opportunity, and there is enough evidence out there to advise against this constant building on land that is both a natural habitat for threatened wildlife and plants that are there to support this wildlife. So much of our walking spaces are being lost to development, and the benefits of walking around our locality and enjoying the rural landscape continue to disappear at an alarming rate.

Please stand up and support our views and protect what we have before it is all gone. The removal of the site in Blean is a huge victory, but Brooklands and Bodkin are still nudging, Oxenden, Herne and Whitstable Heights to name but a few have impacted hugely, and now you are just looking to replace the lost 'Blean@ opportunity. I am sad to be writing so many of these letters and pleas from the heart to ask that you do not support these new development proposals as above. I will be watching closely for updates on these proposals and look forward to hearing that they have been rejected.

Yours sincerely

Liz Robertson

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Subject: Planning application reference CA/25/00779

Good afternoon,

I have chosen to email you rather than use the council website as during a previous communication, the page timed out and all my comments were lost and I had to start from the beginning again.

My name is Liz Robertson. My address is [REDACTED]

Overview

I am not an expert in this field, but I have read a lot of information that I have gathered from local Councillors, articles in the media and from the Save Brooklands campaign of which I am a supporter. I also live right on top of where this planning application relates to and I care very much about where I live and the future prospects for my home village . This is my second communication on this subject, my initial one related to the Council local plan, but I understand this does not count towards this and the reasons why. There is no order of importance to my reasons as I feel strongly about them all and I write on behalf of my family who share my views.

I have lived in the same house for the past 21 years which is within a designated conservation area. We relocated to this area from Maidstone with my young family, to live in a more rural location, surrounded by fields and roads that were less busy, whilst enjoying the benefits of being close to the sea, the woods and major roads to airports and sea ports too. Since our move here there have been many applications to develop in this area and sadly a large number have been approved and built on in such places as Greenhill, Herne, Whitstable Heights, Grasmere Pastures and Seasalter to name but a few, and applications in progress for Blean and Tyler Hill, Brooklands Farm and one that is still on the back burner-.Bodkin farm, which I am sure will surface again soon, as is at the other end of my road. Add to this all the smaller developments taking place and we will soon be a massive urban sprawl with no green space left to enjoy.

Road safety and increased traffic.

The current roads network is already overloaded and unable to cope with levels of vehicles. Each time a new development is built, this is adding to the problem. An estate of this size will have a huge increase on the number of cars using the local roads and impact on journeys, road safety, noise and light pollution and impact on the air quality too. The idea that an east bound slip road should come off at the vicinity of Radfall/South Street and Chestfield Road is also of major concern . This slip road will come off at the point where it always floods during heavy rainfall. Hallam were not aware of this issue. This will enable residents on the new estate to access their homes , but not initially so all the local roads would be feeling the brunt of this, but will also see

a huge increase of non-local traffic and day trippers coming into Chestfield rather than queuing to leave the A299 near Estuary View or going on to Herne Bay. Whilst the new Greenhill development has been in progress for the past couple of years, we have been overwhelmed by huge lorries delivering products and removing waste from the site. Despite a 7.5 ton sign and a no construction traffic sign being in place at the junction of Molehill Rd and Chestfield Rd, the drivers take any notice. I have personally contacted companies about their lorries using my road as a short cut to be told that they will ensure that the site office would put up appropriate signage for when they left the site, saying no entry to construction traffic, which they did and still these were disregarded by the drivers. I have personally followed lorries to the site and witnessed some appalling driving standards where cars and mini buses collecting and returning disabled passengers have been forced off the road into the hedgerow so that they can pass. There is no pathway on Molehill Rd so a pedestrian is always taking a risk here. The same applies to a number of roads in this area where there are no pathways. and the idea of yet more construction traffic is quite scary.

Sewage and water

We are already experiencing the problems of sewage management, despite investment to improve processing. This has made for some very unpleasant experiences for some residents with raw sewage on their land and the ongoing problems of raw sewage in the sea water off our coastline, making sea swimming a danger. When we have heavy rain, we experience flash flooding and this is exacerbated by the clay soil and absorption of the water, so the infra structure does not cope. Additionally, the problem with low water levels and reduced pressure in the taps is already an issue for us at the moment and the burden of so many new homes in this area is only going to compound this. If hot summers and low rainfall are set to continue from here onwards then why would we knowingly house more people in this area. As I write this we are experiencing problems with water availability, water pressure and some homes have no water. I understand this is due to a burst water main repair that was problematic, but this is a recurring theme as are the number of failing water main pipes that have been in dis repair for many years.

Ancient woodland and sites of special scientific interest

It hurts my soul to think of the further loss of habitat to our diverse wildlife and flora that we are currently holding on to by the tips of our fingers, and the effect this will have on the unique biodiversity of our area. Also the amazing uninterrupted views that we still enjoy. I am a runner and a cyclist, so use a lot of the local roads and Clowes Wood on a very regular basis, and I am sad to think that this could soon change for ever in so many locations on my door step, but specifically Brooklands farm right now. When I attended the presentation by Hallam at the W I hall last year, one of their representatives commented that during his visit he was shocked at how little accessible green space there was to walk and run, to which I said yes, we are losing it in sizeable chunks year on year. He believed that the green space they propose to create will be the answer to all our needs. When I last checked, we still do not have access to walk across Grasmere pastures from the original access half way up/down Grasmere road or from the end of The Ridgeway to cross the field..

Chronic inaccessibility to Health and Dental care and poor availability of Social Services.

I am very concerned that we will be placing even further burden on our already stretched and in some cases failing services. The information provided by Hallam does not give enough detail and reassurance as to how some 3000 plus new residents including elderly will be catered for. I raised this point last year at the presentation, and once again the answers given were very vague. I am a patient of a local Health Care centre which I believe to be very well managed and I have to wait two weeks for an appointment now. They are currently unable to cope with the Doctor/Dentist-patient ratio, so any increase in the local population is definitely going to impact on the current local residents. This same maxim applies to our hospital network in East Kent and our Police, Fire and Ambulance services, which again are overstretched and under resourced.

Summary

I wish to object most strongly to this planning application as per all the above points. If this planning application is allowed to go ahead then it will be devastating for our local area and the ramifications will be felt

for years to come. We do not need any more new homes in this area. Please make the right choices to preserve what we have here for now and the future.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours sincerely

Liz Robertson