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Subject: My concerns about the latest Local Plan proposals for Whitstable

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the council's latest Local Plan proposals for new housing in Whitstable. I understand the need for more homes, but the current plans for the sites at Chestfield Road (N20), Golden Hill (N21), and the two other sites (N23 & N24) are a very bad idea for our area.

Here are my main concerns about these proposed developments:

1. The Chestfield Road site (N20)

Traffic Chaos: Putting 150 new houses here will cause total gridlock on Chestfield Road. It's already busy, especially at rush hour. The local road network simply can't cope with that many extra cars.

Ruining the area's feel: This area has a certain character, and this big estate of 150 houses just doesn't fit. It will feel cramped and ruin the semi-rural atmosphere that so many people love about this part of Whitstable (Chestfield).

Ignoring the noise: The plan doesn't seem to properly address how new residents will be affected by the noise from the busy A299. It feels like this problem is being pushed aside.

2. The Golden Hill site (N21)

Eyesore on the landscape: The council's own documents mention that landscaping is needed to hide the visual impact from the A2990, which tells you all you need to know. It will look awful and destroy the look of the landscape.

Unsafe roads: The roads around Golden Hill can't handle another 70 houses and a Traveller site. It will make things dangerous for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

Too much development: This area is already feeling the pressure from other building projects. Adding another 70 homes on top of that is just too much. The plan is cramming too many people and buildings into one place.

3. Sites N23 & N24

Where are the details?: There is not enough information about these additional sites. We can't properly comment on something if the council won't even give us the full picture. It's not fair to the community.

Impact on green space: I am worried about the effect of development on our local green spaces, wildlife, and natural environment. Every bit of green space lost is a tragedy for the town.

An even bigger problem: Whitstable can't take it all at once

The biggest issue is that the council is not thinking about the overall effect of all these new developments.

Strain on local services: Our schools and health centres are already struggling. Squeezing in hundreds of new homes will put an impossible strain on our local services.

Environmental damage: Taking away green spaces for houses has a direct and negative impact on our environment and local wildlife. It feels like the plan is ignoring Whitstable's capacity to absorb this much change.

Please, I urge you to think again about these plans. The developments in their current form are not right for Whitstable.

Yours sincerely,
J C Dodd