



Brooklands Farm development CA/24/00224 draft Local Plan - Regulation 19. W4 Brooklands Farm and W7 B.odkin Farm

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I wish to write to object to the draft Local plan proposals for the Whitstable area, to include the Brooklands Farm proposed development and Bodkin Farm development.

WATER SUPPLY:

The draft local plan does not comply with NPPF paragraph 20, which states that strategic policies should set an overall strategy and make sufficient provision for infrastructure

for water supply.

Southeast Water told CCC Scrutiny Committee on the 4th March 2026 that it would struggle to provide water for the increased number of new homes.

Policy R24 of the draft local plan proposes to build a new reservoir at Broad Oak, this would use polluted water pumped from the rivers Great Stour and Little Stour. How will this make it safe to drink? Can Southeast water remove or reduce PFAS chemicals to a level that would be safe for prolonged exposure? making it "sound" and deliverable.

It is also said by Southeast water that they do not have the money to actually build the reservoir. Is it therefore deliverable?

SEWAGE treatment:

All development proposals for this area would increase sewage effluent pollution making the capacity at Swalecliffe Wastewater Treatment works beyond what they could cope with. There are already far too many discharges made into the sea at the present time....there are many times when it is impossible to swim in the sea. There is also a hazard to wildlife.

W4 Brooklands and W7 Bodkin (including the new school) would generate considerable additional sewage to be processed by Swalecliffe Wastewater Treatment works, which already struggles to cope. The draft local plan would bring worse environmental conditions.

TRAFFIC MODELLING Chestfield

The increased traffic the developments will bring about will only add to the misery of the local Chestfield and Swalecliffe people, the signalised pedestrian crossings to the west and north of the main A2990/Chestfield Road roundabout cause traffic queues that can block Chestfield and Swalecliffe roundabouts. The new schools proposed will increase pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

As a resident of Chestfield for some 50 years, I fully understand the impact this will have on the residents. We will suffer the consequences of the building in operation and the heavy flow of traffic and lorries during this time. This will also make the state of the roads even worse than they already are. It is evident on inspection and when driving on them that they are in a shocking state of repair.

HEALTH SERVICES:

The proposed developments do not allow for new Hospitals or provision to extend the capacity of the existing hospitals to cope with the increased number of people. The East Kent Hospital Trust are struggling to meet existing needs with unacceptable waiting times for patients and full to capacity A&E department at QEQM the nearest A&E facility for Whitstable, Herne Bay and Thanet residents. Canterbury do not have an A&E department. The William Harvey at Ashford is also extremely busy. The infrastructure should be in place before building commences!!

The area is becoming highly over developed and this will have a catastrophic affect on the area and the residents. We should not be losing farmland, we should be cultivating it and making ourselves self sufficient!

When will it be seen that you cannot saturate an area and make it sustainable and desirable? Once green land is built upon it is gone forever. We are constantly told by professionals that green space is good for our wellbeing and it has been proven to be so. Yet more and more is taken away from us!!.

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