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Dear Sir

Looking at the proposed developments for the Whitstable area, in total this would mean around 2206 new dwellings. This will put a huge strain on local services i.e. doctors, hospitals, police, water supply (of which there have been shortages in the recent past affecting several areas), drainage and sewage disposal (raw sewage already being deposited in the sea and reports of sewage problems at Whitstable Heights) to say nothing of the increased traffic on the A2990. There are already long tailbacks of traffic between the slip road from the A299 on to the A2990 to the Long Reach roundabout, exacerbated by the traffic lights at Harrier Lodge Care Home and Pearson Heights. Because of the recent 400 dwelling development at Whitstable Heights, there are more queues to the Tesco roundabout. This is also causing tailbacks from Borstal Hill to the Long reach roundabout. The proposed developments at Golden Hill (Policy W9, W6 and W5) will add to this.

Re Policy W9, the plan states vehicle access to Golden Hill. This is unsafe as the access is situated where the road narrows and there is no footpath. It is not suitable for trailers and plant. Also Policy W6 contains pedestrian access to Golden Hill but no footpath adjoining. This would contravene Policy D26 d.

Re Policy W6, to enhance character and appearance of landscape, it would make more sense to situate the 70 dwellings to back onto the existing dwellings in Golden Hill and site the Travellers pitches next to the Park & Bus area (Policy W5). The Local Plan states 'minimum 20 travellers' pitches' but no maximum numbers. This surely should be clarified. To site the Travellers' pitches between two areas of dwellings 'could have unacceptable adverse impact on the existing community.' (as stated in local plan) and 'could dominate the settled community.'

I therefore wish to raise an objection to Policies W9 and W6 in their present form.

I would also add that the development Policy W7 would also add to the traffic congestion on the A2990 and to the tailbacks that occur in the Swalecliffe area.

Mrs J Payne

