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I the undersigned wish to strongly object to the outline planning permission to build 1400 homes on Brooklands farm

For the following reasons:

Drains and sewage

Southern water have stated that it will be at least 20-25 years until the long rock pumping station is able to cope with current demands on the existing usage this is now before the current large housing development on the land behind Grasmere Road - known as Grasmere Pastures is even completed.

How can you agree to a development that would put further on an already overloaded and antiquated system??

There is already significant flooding at the junction of south street and chestfield road - and should these fields be filled with concrete and roads the surrounding lower lying properties along longtye drive, chestfield road and south street will all be vulnerable - how is that right to do this to current residents?

Although the current Government has a push to build as many properties as possible surely good

quality agricultural land that is being used for crop production and current working farms land certainly does not come under this criteria for building land!

The face of Whitstable and Nearby Herne Bay is changing, as more and more large overbearing housing developments are approved - like the one at Whitstable Heights 400 homes , Grasmere gardens 300 homes Seasalter Meadows 220 homes, then you have the huge developments in nearby Herne Bay less than 6 miles from this proposed site! Including Lower Herne Village 800 homes, St David's Park 581 homes.

The CCC local plan includes policies to protect farmland from large developments, focussing on the preservation of the best and most versatile agricultural land surely Brooklands farm is this????

The Loss of hedgerows, historic trees and AHLV Landscape and farmland that give Kent it's well deserved title of the Garden of England is fast becoming diminished we need to act now to stop the loss of these wildlife havens alongside the animals and birds that will be come extinct and not recover from developments as large as these. The biodiversity of more than 60 species of birds including the endangered skylark known to use Brooklands Farm are in desperate need of conservation. The dozens of butterflies, hazel dormice, hedgehogs, hares and bats and although not everyone's friend, the fox is a common animal killed on the Thanet way most days! Driven out by concreted over habitats!

The infrastructure to support these large scale developments is just not there - our overstretched health centres/ under-performing hospitals especially the East Kent

area are a major concern without even further demand, the KCC schools budgets are being cut and our local services are diminishing almost daily!

Our roads are in a poor and unsafe state of much needed repair and replacement yet it appears you are not considering the increases in dangerously high levels of traffic and pollution these large estates of housing cause.

I would ask you to take a trip on a busy work morning or end of work day to the old Thanet way to see the build up of traffic coming out of the John Wilson business park on reeves way that has been caused by, a not as yet, completed building estate in Grasmere Pastures and the tailbacks with people trying to exit and access Clover Rise!

It is wonder there has not been a terrible road accident at that junction although many smaller crashes have been noted! The tailbacks into Whitstable off the new Thanet way and the A299 slip Road already experience long queues in the evening rush hour surely this is severe dangerous congestion with the significant risk of shunting style accidents for people turning off on the slip road???

Thanet near Westwood Cross is the current prime example of unthoughtful and detrimental planning that been allowed to spread like wildfires with huge housing estates, the traffic is horrendous at busy times of the day now and that is before any of these estates are fully occupied - our small towns are becoming gridlocked with traffic to the detriment of all that have to live in them.

Grasmere Road has now been closed off to through traffic so the traffic from Grasmere

pastures residents will look for cut throughs and short ways to move about locally this surely has to be considered?? These for sure will be Clover Rise and Virginia Road.

Go to the long reach roundabout on a sunny day and see the traffic pouring into Whitstable with our roads currently already dangerously overcrowded from the large new building estates that have been crowded in to surround them.

I therefore strongly object to any considerations for this proposed outline planning application.

Signed

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