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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to formally object to the proposed development of approximately 2,000 homes on the ancient orchard land on the outskirts of Canterbury.

My objection is based on the following material planning concerns:

1. Inadequate water infrastructure There is already clear evidence that local water infrastructure is under severe pressure. Existing newly built housing developments in the area have reportedly been affected by insufficient water supply, raising serious concerns about the sustainability and practicality of approving a further 2,000 homes. It is unreasonable to approve a development of this scale without guaranteed and demonstrable long-term water capacity.

2. Unsuitable and unsafe access roads The proposed access route is wholly inadequate for a development of this size. The existing road is narrow, with terraced houses on one side and additional homes and pedestrian access on the other. On-street parking already restricts movement significantly. This creates serious concerns regarding:

Construction traffic management

Daily traffic congestion

Pedestrian safety

Emergency vehicle access, including fire engines and ambulances, which could be severely obstructed.

Not to mention the health and well-being of the local residents in that area. The primary school there etc with the noise, dust and fumes the construction traffic and extra traffic this will cause.

This presents a significant public safety risk.

3. Loss of ancient orchard land and environmental harm Ancient orchards are an important and irreplaceable part of Kent's natural and cultural heritage. Their destruction would result in permanent biodiversity loss, removal of mature habitat, and damage to the local landscape character. Once lost, this habitat cannot realistically be replaced.

4. Unsustainable scale of development A development of this size would place enormous pressure on existing local infrastructure, including roads, schools, GP services, drainage systems, and other essential services, many of which are already stretched.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Marion Tebbutt

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