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Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Chestfield and have been living in this area for 21 years, so I am very familiar with the current situation regarding how our local area functions and the current situation regarding:

Water availability, sewerage management, health services, traffic volumes, impact of Current and ongoing development both in my village and the surrounding areas of Whitstable, Herne Bay and Canterbury.

I am very concerned that there appears to be a certain disregard on the impact the development of this area is having and will continue to have on all of the above. I do not intend to write on all of these topics, but mention them because decisions are being made about what our local villages and towns should look like and how they will be ok despite evidence to the contrary.

My first point is NPPF paragraph 20- which states that the Strategic Policies should set out an overall strategy and make sufficient provision for infrastructure for WATER SUPPLY.

Last year in this area of Kent we were without hosepipes for more than half the year. This was introduced to try and provide for local demand to ensure that there was enough water for all. Southeast Water have made C.C.C. aware as well as the local and national media that according to current supply levels and the existing rainfall levels, that they are unable to satisfy current demands without introducing restrictions, so where is this water coming from that is used for construction initially, and then to supply the 1000's of new residents who will be demanding water day to day ?

My next point is NPPF policy 39 relating to health care, which requires local planning authorities to work 'to secure developments that will improve the social conditions of the area'.

Our current health service provision is not coping with the relentless pressure imposed because of the burgeoning local population. At a very local level there can be up to three weeks for a telephone consultation where you might then be assessed for a face to face appointment, but this requires a further wait. If you are unfortunate enough to need A & E or hospitalization, then this is just as bad. We all already know that central government are imposing these unrealistic housing targets whilst reducing the amount of money per capita to fund our local health services. If decisions are made to actively increase the number of residents who are needing to access these critical services, then the whole planning situation is both irresponsible and not fit for purpose.

My last point is regarding the traffic modelling for our local area. Policies W3 (Whitstable Urban area), W4 (Brooklands Farm) and W7 (Bodkin Farm), do not comply with NPPF paragraph 32, which states that all policies should be underpinned by relevant and up to date evidence. These policies have been based at a very superficial level and it seems that they are not required to

consider the huge impact that a new housing development can have with the building of two further educational facilities to name but one. I quote 'it is important to note that strategic modelling is not intended to determine the acceptability of individual development proposals'. So what is being used then? For anyone who regular uses the local road traffic crossings at any time of day, the traffic flows are severely reduced, with Chestfield roundabout and all the approach roads at a standstill every day. I am a cyclist, driver and walker, so I witness the impact of our current traffic levels, so building 2 further new housing developments is going to affect this area hugely from a road safety perspective and environmentally due to increased noise and pollution.

There are many further points that I feel warrant a mention, all as important to me as the others. I hope you will consider the above and make honest appraisals of each point I have made and that of other contributors and ensure compliance at every level. If we 'bulldoze' over these things we are putting lives at risk and the future happiness and wellbeing of our community. We are all Stakeholders here and have a right to be able to influence what happens to our lovely local villages and towns.

I hope to see some good news in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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