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Dear Sir/Madam

Further to my initial letters of objection (representations) regarding the Thanet Local Plan, I should like the following points to be included.

Matter 5 Strategic sites (policies SP13-SP18 and HO2) Issue 1
Methodology

Q5 - The impact of development on transport infrastructure. It would be difficult to overstate the negative and detrimental impact that the large amount of extra traffic would have on our already overloaded and inadequate road system, not forgetting the huge personal discomfort, distress and disturbance caused by noise, pollution and the physical presence of an added three to four thousand vehicles from two thousand properties. Garlinge High Street simply does not have the capacity for extra vehicles, already having undersize footpaths and highway which struggle to cope with present levels of traffic. A personal visit to the site by the Inspectors would immediately clarify these issues.

Q7- Has the Council taken into consideration the effect that Brexit may well have, on the use of quality agricultural land. We shall almost certainly need to increase our output of both food stuffs and bio fuels in the drive to become more 'self-sufficient'. Where do the Council suggest that these extra resources are grown once large swathes of quality

growing land such as at Garlinge and Westgate, are built on, leaving brown-field sites incapable of food production.

Q8-The landscape character of the area would be completely changed by this development. There would be a significant overbearing impact upon all the properties overlooked and adjacent to, the proposed large new town. Certainly a loss of outlook for many properties, our own property being particularly affected by this. New builds have been proposed for both the field directly in front of our property also alongside, meaning we are to lose all outlook from every room in the cottage. Our garden, which runs the length of the side of our property would be overlooked from all aspects. We would have no escape from this intrusion.

Q9- I feel that this site should not have been allocated for development, due to it's unsuitability. The improper and ill-conceived use of quality agricultural land, especially at a time of national need for extra resources should be considered an intrusion into the countryside. This would have a significant over-bearing impact and loss of outlook for many residents, leading to significantly increased noise and disturbance, with an unacceptable strain on our already stretched resources such as water, drainage, roads, hospital and schools. Add to this the lack of local employment and the allocation of two thousand new homes and this development has to be deemed impractical and lacking in common sense.