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Dear Sir/Madam

I wrote again in September 2018 raising my concerns and objections in the local plan about the proposal to build 2,000 dwellings on the prime agricultural land in Westgate on Sea as well as expressing my concerns over other issues. (please refer to my previous letter.)

I am writing again to voice my grave worries about building on prime agricultural land because they provide food for us and a valuable green space for us to connect with nature. My husband and I saw an eagle hovering over the fields the other day which was a highlight of the day for us. But more importantly the fields are crucial habitat for birds and other wildlife such as small mammals and invertebrates.

When we walk on the edges of the fields we see many butterflies and bees in the summer. A few weeks ago we glimpsed our first ladybird of the year.

Since I first wrote to you the world has changed and I for one am more aware than ever of that we have to change our ways. The issues facing us are far wider than climate change. We need to protect our biodiversity here in Thanet to contribute to ours and the next generations futures. We should be preserving all our green spaces and be expanding them planting more trees and putting back the habitats for biodiversity to thrive. It is only if we live in balance with nature that we have a chance of not ending up living in some urban dystopian wasteland.

We can no longer use agricultural land and green and wild places to build on. In view of the fact the UK has declared a national climate emergency I think there should be an immediate moratorium on planning applications proposing to build on agricultural land and green spaces.

Thank you for listening to my views

Kind regards
Jacqueline Brown