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Objection to No LPRSP4 (B): Lidsing Garden Community

I am objecting to Policy No LPRSP4 (B): Lidsing Garden Community. It is not sound because it is not consistent with national policy, given the Climate and Biodiversity crisis.

It involves:

✗ Destruction of AONB: loss of space which enhances physical and mental health. This is extra serious as we struggle to cope with the effects of covid.

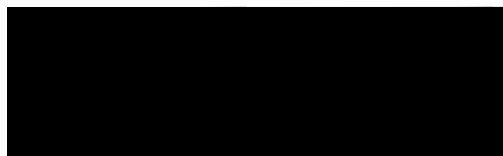
✗ Loss of strategic gap between Bredhurst, Hempstead and Lordswood.

✗ Loss of agricultural land which can be profitably farmed and once lost can never be replaced. Food security is increasingly becoming an issue. We need more local food production, not less.

✗ Ecological damage: threat to biodiversity. Trees and creatures deserve to live, and we rely on them if we are to thrive, or even survive. Trees and green spaces are vital for breathable air, and for flood control by absorbing the rain which increasingly often comes in violent bursts.

✗ Transport issues: the roads are already often gridlocked. Brexit is still making this worse and worse as each new stage comes into effect. No capacity for more traffic jams, and they are causing dangerous air pollution as well as chaos.

✗ Residents from 2000+ houses would be using the already over-burdened Medway Hospital, Schools, GPs etc. This won't work.



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