

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 03/12/2025 1:57 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Oak Mead Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	The proposed development poses significant and unacceptable impacts on local infrastructure, environment, and community well-being. The scheme would introduce hazardous access for approximately 350 dwellings, equating to hundreds of vehicles including delivery and service traffic, onto the A227 near a busy junction and shopping parade already identified as an accident black spot. This section of Wrotham Road suffers from severe congestion, compounded by parked vehicles near Meopham Community Academy during peak times, and includes a pinch point adjacent to The George Inn where large vehicles cannot pass safely. The cumulative effect of this application, alongside other pending proposals would result in an estimated 1,440 additional vehicles using the A227, a route already functioning as an HGV cut-through and diversion for major roads, frequently gridlocked during incidents or roadworks. Local side roads are wholly inadequate to accommodate further traffic or emergency diversions, and the forthcoming Lower Thames Crossing will exacerbate these pressures. Public transport provision is insufficient, with peak-time rail services from Meopham and Sole Street already overcrowded and bus services unreliable. The proposed developments would likely increase Meopham's population by one-third, placing unsustainable strain on existing schools, GP surgeries, hospitals and other NHS services. Furthermore, the site comprises productive farmland within the Green Belt, which has not been released for development, and its
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proximity to a designated Conservation Area raises serious concerns regarding visual and environmental impact.

This proposal represents an unsustainable and harmful form of development. It would irreversibly damage the character of Meopham, compromise highway safety, and place intolerable pressure on infrastructure and public services. The cumulative impact of this and other pending applications cannot be ignored; together, they would fundamentally alter the scale and nature of the local area.

The Green Belt designation exists to prevent precisely this type of encroachment, and no exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to justify its release.

For these reasons, application should be refused in its entirety.

Kind regards