

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/12/2025 3:12 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Huntingfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I strongly object to the planning application 20250993 to build 120 new houses. The accumulative effect of this and the other planning applications will have a detrimental effect on the local area and Meopham will lose its identity as a linear village.

The location of this planning application is next to a primary school and a school for children with special needs (SEN), they will both be affected during and after construction. The SEN children need calm, no stress and no major changes to their environment and this will have a massive impact on their wellbeing.

Longfield Road is a major link between Longfield, New Barn and other villages and towns that heavy goods vehicles and high volumes of traffic use. It's a fast road even if the speed was lowered, vehicles still approach the 30MPH section at speed and this is the location for the proposed access point into the development. The access point is not wide enough and will create a bottleneck for vehicles turning and this will create a dangerous pinch point.

Even with the proposed additional car park, there will not be enough parking for all the vehicles within the new development and there will be an overspill into Longfield Road and surrounding roads. This will add to congestion and with the heavy traffic flow there will be an increased risk to pedestrians / children in this area.

The area around school times is horrendous and during construction the roads will not be able to take the increase in site vehicles, deliveries etc. The new proposed car park will not make the claimed noticeable impact on parent parking, the residents will also use this as an overflow car park due to the lack of carpark

spaces.

The increased population will add additional strain to an already oversubscribed Meopham medical centre where the wait is already at two weeks. The local Darenth Valley hospital is running at overstretched capacity with the new developments around the hospital, Bluewater and Ebbsfleet without this and the other planning applications.

There are only two trains an hour and often only four carriages with commuters standing without the increase in population, both Soul Street and Meopham are not designed for the increase in commuters. There is an unreliable bus service with only one bus an hour with a limited service at the weekend and no service late in the evening.

Housing developments need areas that can sustain them with full infrastructure and services which Meopham lacks in all areas.

The A227 Wrotham Road is already a major cut-through and without the traffic increase with all the new developments and even more so when the lower Thames crossing is built, the area will not cope with the increased volumes of traffic.

The land where the development is to be sited is prime agricultural land which is still farmed and is valuable commodity for the local community.

The proposal to build this and the other developments in such close proximity will overwhelm the area.

The brown fill sites must be looked at before the mass destruction of green belt / farmland are even considered.

The crime rate in Meopham is low and the increase in population will potentially mean an increase in crime. In most of Meopham we have no street lighting and no CCTV which will need to be installed at immense cost to Gravesham Borough council and the taxpayers.

The overall impact of this and all the planning applications 20250992, 20251116 and future applications must be taken into consideration and not in isolation, each development will have a massive impact on the local community and the identity of Meopham as village will be lost.

Kind regards