

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 4:31 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] Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: This site is unsuitable for the proposed development for the following reasons:

INCREASED STRAIN ON INADEQUATE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

The sharp increase in population, with no plan to improve local infrastructure, will have a detrimental effect on local residents and already overstretched healthcare provision. Waiting times for a non-urgent appointment at the local GP surgery are already 4-6 weeks, while urgent appointments are frequently refused and diverted to Gravesham Community Hospital.

Concreting over a large area of farmland will significantly increase the current problems with rainwater run-off down the A227 which already cause flooding at the junction of Norwood Lane.

The increased demand for electricity will further strain the grid in an area which already suffers from regular power cuts.

POOR TRANSPORT LINKS AND INCREASED CONGESTION.

Meopham's transport links are already bad. The area has been treated like a small village by the relevant authorities, being ignored for public transport upgrades like the fast-link bus service and high-speed rail, forcing residents to rely on their own transport, meaning congestion is already a problem at peak times.

Each individual adult occupant of the proposed housing will require a car due to the lack of walkable facilities and inadequate public transport. These will need to be petrol- or diesel- powered vehicle as the electricity infrastructure will not support battery charging for the likely number of vehicles. This will have an

adverse effect on air quality and increase carbon emissions in the area. Furthermore, traffic along the A227 is already at or above capacity and the road has been poorly maintained in the past. Traffic flow around schools at peak times is a serious disruption to residents and through-traffic. Frequent usage of temporary traffic lights at numerous points along the road already cause tailbacks of longer than 30 minutes during peak times. A permanent increase in the number of cars will add to this disruption and further damage the road. Car parking by Meopham Primary School, and especially Camer Parade, is already inadequate. Increased traffic in the area will not increase patronage of local businesses as there is already too little parking, but it will increase congestion.

The planned Lower Thames Crossing will further increase the traffic along the A227, exacerbating the negative impact of the proposed development.

DESTRUCTION OF GREENBELT LAND.

Meopham is in a Green Belt area. The Green Belt was enshrined in primary legislation by the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act to stop urban sprawl and protect the countryside. This is critical for food security, good health and recreation. Building on farmland cannot be reversed. The visual impact of the development on the surrounding area will be severe. The negative impact on the quality of life of local residents will be massive.

Kind regards