

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/04/2025 9:09 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Request for a screening opinion in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of the residential development proposal at Blackthorne Farm, Culverstone Green, Meopham.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] School Lane Culverstone

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I strongly object to the proposed development in view of the following reasons The transport infrastructure is not sufficient to sustain and support the extra capacity which will have a negative knock on effect with regards to road safety, congestion and the environmental factors of air pollution. The A227 is a very busy road at all times however at peak times the extra vehicle traffic would make this single carriageway road akin to a busy London thoroughfare but without the structural and logistical support. The local GP surgeries are already at capacity and are expected to be cut further which will only lead to longer waiting times for appointments and consultations which in a rural area is unacceptable as the travel time to the nearest hospital is already considerably longer than in urban areas, especially taking into consideration the above comments regarding the extra road traffic. This in my opinion could unnecessarily put peoples health at risk which is totally avoidable and unacceptable. I wish to note the local schools already attract students from further away than the immediate area, this proves difficult to enroll local children into a school nearby to their home address, the extra housing will only serve to make this a near on impossible task. This in turn would mean parents needing to utilise either an already unreliable public transport network, 1 bus an hour into Gravesend, providing the service isn't running late or even cancelled without notice, or turning to their car which only adds to my previous comments. The environmental factors should not and must not be overlooked as the area considered for the housing development is rural and is enjoyed by not only local residents but also to those who use it for recreational purposes such as walkers, cyclists and young people who attend organised events as part of the Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh scheme. This intended area is part of the North Downs Area of Natural Beauty and in an ever decreasing 'green space' it is vitally important that it is protected for not only the local communities but also for the wildlife that inhabit the area, foxes, badgers, birds, deer and all other indigenous species.
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The effects on the ecosystem and nearby habitat and green space would not be limited to the development itself as it would need to be serviced by water, drainage, gas and electricity which would all need to be supplied underground which means more disruption and damage to the natural environment.

Kind regards