

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/12/2025 11:55 AM 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] Dormers Drive Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I strongly object to this proposal.

When I moved to Meopham from Gravesend [REDACTED] I could cross the A227 near the Railway Tavern with only a vague glance at the traffic. This is just to give an illustration of the huge and extensive change to the traffic volume we now endure. This proposed developments of 350 additional homes and potentially 700 additional cars will repeat this escalation to levels we will be unable to deal with. Add to this the foreseeable increase from the Lower Thames Crossing traffic 'rat-run' from the M20 and more southerly towns and cities, North Kent will become gridlocked, and that is without the other two planning applications currently under consideration. The A227 is constantly busy. The school runs, the commuting, the coffee shop parking, the restricted parking throughout the village. This proposed entry point into the 'estate' opposite the shops is simply bad design, already precarious with exiting cars from Green Lane and the shops opposite. Green Lane has long queues from 6.30 am from commuters pushing to get on the A227. The very large HGVs are beginning to join the lines of cars turning south exactly at the proposed new entry point, this will lead to further chaos! Green Lane is already heavily used and cars which travel much faster than the speed limit, which is 60 mph, higher than other comparable roads in the area at 40 mph. There have been numerous accidents at the exit junction onto the A227 from the parade of Camer Shops even with the addition of a new traffic island.

I would like to cycle in the lanes and A227, not a chance, far too dangerous. The further increase in traffic will mean no rides out [REDACTED]

At school drop off and pick up times, the A227 is packed with parked cars on either side of the road, making the journey through the village a stop-start process even more difficult and fraught with danger to children walking to school and returning home. Meopham being a long linear village, once famous for this, has very few alternative side roads to accommodate diversions for traffic being held up or traffic volumes creating more frustration and recklessness. Large HGVs adding to this congestion.

I understand Gravesham has adequate 'Brownfield Sites'. The GBC Register identifies areas for up to 3000 dwellings that should have priority over building on Green Field Sites. I also hear there is a new GBC Local Plan due for imminent release. It seems a good time to delay serious decisions on new developments. The Covid Lockdown and the war in Ukraine have taught us how important green spaces and farmland are to our communities and the UK generally. It is vital that we continue to produce our own crops and food and not build over our farmland - if it is built on, we will NEVER get it back. This is Green Belt land.

To conclude, last August, September and October (2024) Green Lane was constantly busy day after day, transporting grain and produce from these fields with farm trucks and tractors after a great summer harvesting our food, often into the late evenings, Brilliant!

WE MUST NOT LOSE this vital resource.

Kind regards