

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/12/2025 7:36 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:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Green Belt Loss and Damage to the Countryside

The scheme would carve into land that forms part of the Green Belt, a landscape intended to prevent settlement sprawl and maintain open countryside. Replacing this buffer with housing would dilute the rural setting and close the gap between existing communities. No convincing justification has been offered to override national protections or to support development in this sensitive location.

An Inaccessible and Unsuitable Place for New Housing

This is not a location that can support a sizeable residential scheme. Everyday services are scarce, public transport links are weak, and the area offers no realistic alternative to private car use. Building up to 120 homes in such a poorly connected spot would embed long-term car dependency and contradict planning aims for sustainable, well-linked growth.

Traffic Growth and Serious Highway Concerns

Local roads are already narrow, slow and constrained. Additional traffic from 120 homes would add pressure to junctions with limited capacity and increase the risk of collisions on lanes with poor visibility. The nearby special needs school makes this even more concerning, as vulnerable pupils rely on a calm and predictable road environment. Walking and cycling are not viable substitutes,

given the unlit, rural and unsafe nature of surrounding routes.

Pressure on Overstretched Local Services

Meopham's health services, schools, utilities and public transport are operating close to their limits. Adding hundreds of new residents without firm plans for new or expanded facilities would intensify pressure across the board, reducing service quality for both current and future communities. The needs of the nearby special educational needs school add to the sensitivity of this issue.

Environmental Impacts: Pollution, Wildlife and Water

The development is likely to worsen air quality, raise noise levels and introduce increased lighting-issues of particular concern for children at the nearby SEN and primary school.

The site forms part of an important habitat corridor, supporting bats, owls, hedgehogs and proximity to a confirmed badger sett protected in law. Disturbance, habitat loss and lighting spill pose direct risks to local wildlife. Additionally, the land currently absorbs rainfall; replacing it with hard surfaces would heighten runoff and increase flood risk on a drainage system already well known to struggle.

Cumulative and Uncoordinated Overdevelopment

Viewed alongside other recent and emerging proposals, this scheme contributes to a pattern of piecemeal expansion that exceeds the area's environmental and infrastructural capacity. The combined effects would alter the character of the locality and undermine sensible, planned growth.

Conclusion

Taken together - the Green Belt harm, the unsustainable location, highway risks, pressure on public services, environmental impacts and cumulative overdevelopment - the proposal for up to 120 homes is simply not appropriate.

Kind regards