

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 9:14 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

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Sole Street, Cobham Cobham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Meopham is a country village and farming community. It has a rich history linked to its rural heritage and the surrounding landscape. This development will negatively impact the character of the village turning it from a relatively small and cohesive rural community to a small town. I strongly object to the development of this site for 350 houses. This is prime agricultural land which has been farmed for hundreds of years on land which has not been released from the Greenbelt boundary. Farming is the cornerstone of Meopham village with several farming families who own and rent the land they use. This development will not only remove this land from their guardianship, thus severely affecting their livelihood, but it also contributes to the impoverishment of the food supply in the country. This development would be adjacent to an already over-congested road, the A227. The turning into Green Lane towards Sole Street is dangerous and narrow. There have been serious accidents and fatalities at this junction. Increasing the traffic joining this road would only add to congestion and potential for accidents, particularly during school start and end times where temporary parking is a concern. Increasing the number of vehicles where there is already an accident black spot is reckless. The A227 is used as a car park at both the Senior and Junior school drop off times and this will only get worse with the introduction of a further 350 families. There are listed buildings close to the roadside along the A227 - increased traffic, especially lorries threaten the stability and security of these buildings. In addition the road narrows at several points, particularly by The Street. When combined with the other 2 proposed developments in Meopham
-----------	---

alone there could be another 1200 cars coming through the village. The development is also planned near a small parade of shops where there is very limited parking. Despite double yellow lines, people have to park along the A227 to use the shops which reduces visibility. This development has the potential to increase the number of users at this junction by 700 cars, as well as delivery and service vehicles. With the building of the Lower Thames Crossing, the traffic on the A227 is already set to increase. Past experience should demonstrate to GBC that when there are accidents or roadworks, there are long tailbacks which cannot be avoided because road users divert through single track country lanes, causing further congestion. When there are problems on the A2 or M20, Meopham is used as an alternative route by cars and HGVs despite the narrow road and speed limits.

Facilities in the village and local area are already stretched beyond capacity. It is almost impossible to park at the parade of shops on the A227 and it is worse nearer the station. One cannot get a GP appointment and the local hospital and its inadequate parking places is unable to cope with the number of people in the area without an influx of more. The trains are overcrowded. At peak times, commuters stand and parking at both Meopham and Sole Street stations is severely limited. In general, the public transport is unreliable. There is an infrequent bus service. These issues will not be improved by the developers and will only be exacerbated by an increase in numbers.

Overall, the negative impact of this development needs to be considered along with the three other proposed developments in the village and that at Blackthorn Farm. Over 700 new homes will increase the size of the village by over one third. This is an unacceptable over development of a rural village with a lack of supporting infrastructure.

Meopham is a VILLAGE - surrounded by green belt and AONBs which must be protected in order to ensure eco diversity and the integrity of the village. This huge development will also negatively impact Camer Park, a conservation area. People travel to Meopham to escape the bustle of city living and breathe clean air; it should not become a town when there are adequate brown field sites in towns to meet housing demand. It is clear that it is more cost effective to build on green belt rather than post industrial sites and given that houses in the area are priced at a premium, it is also clear that developing Meopham will be primarily driven by an increase in profits. I believe that this development is driven more by greed than need.

Kind regards