

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 9:59 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] Wrotham Road Meopham, Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The application is inappropriate development within the Green Belt is especially in conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Gravesham Local Plan. The application would create urban sprawl by effectively linking existing housing to the north of Green Lane with the Street Conservation Area to the South. It would not keep land open or protect the countryside, checking sprawl and preserving the village character. Indeed Meopham is the known as the longest village in England with multiple greens and is an historic linear settlements. In the linear type village there are open fields either side of the A227 and to develop these, especially this site, would undermine the whole character of the village. In addition there are no special circumstances to justify such development.

In terms of the proposal this would also adversely affect the setting of the adjacent historic Street Conservation Area. The oldest part of the Parish.

Highways and Local Traffic

The A227 and surrounding networks of roads, particularly from Green Lane and Longfield Road and Camer Parade, is already overloaded with vehicles causing congestion, slow movement and complete standstills especially during peak hours leading to significant delays. Around the parade of shops and these two junctions traffic is especially congested and is also very dangerous. should anyone suggest traffic signals this would inevitably lead to horrendous

congestion and pollution (close to schools) which has been proved on many, many occasions when there are some road works. Obviously the overall impact would be even greater and absolutely unacceptable given the cumulative effect of two other proposals.

Biodiversity and Wildlife Act (Protection of Badgers Act 1992)

Badgers, owls, bats and hedgehogs will all be impacted and I have seen all this wildlife around the boundary between Meopham Court (Street Conservation Area).

Cumulative Development

Overall the pressure on local services, GPs, Schools etc would be unsustainable in respect of this application. The impact would be far greater and unsustainable including two other applications.

Mr Paul Campbell CEO Richborough Estates

I note that Mr Campbell has in several Articles quoted the following:-

'There are perfectly good sites across the green belt - scruffy sites and boring fields rather than beautiful rolling countryside - that happen to be well connected to where people live, work and travel. Grey belt is a rebrand that allows you to have a conversation about the purpose and role of green belt without it being so sensational. It allows you to get permissions in areas where houses are needed the most and that are often the most sustainable locations.'

The field to which this application is based is active farmland, certainly not scruffy or boring. It can be viewed from the A227 as good open farming land and in addition from the Street Conservation Area and, Camer Park and Public Footpaths provide great views of wonderful open countryside. In my opinion this conflicts with the views he has expressed.

Kind regards