

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/09/2025 12:27 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] GRAVESEND

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am objecting strongly to the proposed application based on the fact that the property that I, and several other householders own in Rhododendron Avenue, will without doubt, be drastically affected by the permeable land that will be covered by houses, and will therefore severely increase the amount of water that runs down our road.</p> <p>We have lived here since 1997 at which time there were very few properties at our end of the road. We have since that time, seen many plots granted permission by GBC to be built upon. As a result of this and the constant pressure by people, worrying about their vehicles, to put tarmac on the bridle path surface that is our road, the effects rising from this whenever there is heavy rainfall, has put our properties in jeopardy.</p> <p>At the consultation day in April, I was assured that the development company has a drainage expert, who can "predict" how much rainfall we will receive in the future and they will provide a pond to deal with the overflow.</p> <p>As a resident that actually lives in the real world of Global Warming and constant reports of unprecedented and destructive weather conditions all over the world, I find this statement both unrealistic and arrogant, not to mention completely selfish on the part of the people making money from this project.</p> <p>We all know that there is a need for more housing, but Councils should not be able to provide this at the detriment of already existing properties. GBC already know that we have this problem as, in the past, they had had to suspend refuse collection and provide assistance to the roads in the Culverstone Valley, due to the inadequate water drainage system here. If GBC grant permission for this development, they will be doing so knowingly and recklessly, as our properties cannot cope already, and they will be responsible for any damage/inability to get house insurance, that will most definitely follow.</p> <p>Already, whenever my [REDACTED] walks to us from school, we have to go to the end of Carter's Hill to pick her up in the car, as that end of the Lane is impassable if it is raining. When I said this to the representative from the development company in April, I was told that this was because we were not here when Willow Walk was built and so we were not taken into account then. Well we are here now and cannot be ignored as these are our homes that we are talking</p>
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I was also told that I cleared my property to build my house. I informed him that that was not the case and was told that obviously somebody did at some time. Well Vikings used to rape and pillage their way across our country - that doesn't make it right! How far are we allowed to go back and use the past to justify our behaviour - Government officials were at one time put to death if they did something wrong. Are we all allowed to use these things as a defence?

In June 2019 we had such a dramatic rainfall down here that several homes were flooded and some residents were left homeless for some months. GBC is already aware of this, and to assume that we are stupid enough to believe that a drainage expert would have predicted this, is outrageous. Just because we live in a village, it doesn't mean that we are all idiots!

As council tax payers, we are also entitled to a duty of care from the people who are supposed to represent us and protect us.

More recently a man was trapped by the rainfall in his land rover and had to be rescued. Are you really saying that covering this entire area with houses, driveways and roads in and out, (and let's not forget the pond) is going to make this better? Does somebody have to die before GBC take notice of the severity of their actions? GBC cannot keep taking no responsibility for our "unadopted" road, but then keep giving people permission to concrete over the only means we have to absorb excess rainwater.

This reason for objecting is obviously my main reason, but there are many other factors. When the last large development was proposed, one of the main problems was the infrastructure.

Since then it has been obvious what was going to happen, as the schools had been increased in size, however, the A227 is the same size as it always was. It is already the route for every vehicle that needs to go from the M20/26 to A2 and it only takes one accident or patch of roadworks for complete standstill. We live here and to be disregarded like this is intolerable. This is on top of the fact that the children/grandchildren from the valley attend the schools in the area and it is already chaotic at school times, never mind, another 100 houses, and all of the vehicles that that will include. It is literally an accident waiting to happen. On top of that, there is an application for 700 more in Meopham. This is completely ridiculous to think that we can cope with all this.

If this permission is granted, GBC will without doubt be responsible for the outcome and will not be able to claim that they did not know. We will always be here to remind them.

Kind regards