

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 1:26 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] Chapmans Hill Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I have concerns regarding the inadequate transport infrastructure for additional housing/residents.</p> <p>The rural public transport infrastructure at present is already inadequate: The single bus service is limited & infrequent - Service 308 currently running weekdays, 1hour 30mins between each service, with the last bus from Gravesend to Culverstone at 17:40, and from opposite direction Sevenoaks 18:19. There is no service in the evenings or on Sundays/Bank Holidays.</p> <p>This makes it difficult for any non-drivers (including workers, the elderly, students), and emphasises the need to have own transport. We have found this to be a hindrance to the independence of our own growing children getting to/from home and school, in accessing any after-school or leisure activities, and employment opportunities as they grew older.</p> <p>The nearest railway station from Culverstone is over 3 miles in Meopham, and this for most people is not walkable. Safety would also be a concern as it is a busy road. Pedestrian walkways along this stretch of road are mostly on one side of the road, with very few pedestrian crossing points, and in some places no street lighting.</p> <p>Households in Culverstone/Meopham already rely heavily on their cars. As there is a focus on affordable housing, potential residents need to be aware that public transport is poor, and car ownership likely to be an additional cost and will affect access to jobs and facilities. Additional traffic will also increase localised pollution in the area.</p> <p>Drainage along the A227 does not carry water away and the existing drain pits are frequently blocked and overflow during heavy or prolonged rainfall. Note flooding at Ridley corner bus stop next to Heron Hill/Chapmans Hill, and at various other locations along the road.</p>
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The poor drainage also makes it impractical for pedestrians due to heavy run-off /

surface water flowing along the A227. This will be exacerbated by an increase in the built-up area, and likely add to the surface run-off from the development onto the road.

The road is frequently being serviced due to ageing/poor infrastructure - and any works always produces long queues of traffic, and cause problems in the adjoining roads/single track lanes.

The facilities available in Meopham - shops & school have inadequate parking and cause frequent problems and concerns amongst residents/users. There has been no availability for a NHS dentist place at the nearest dental practise in Istead Rise over the last few years. Local primary schools will have limited capacity to cope with increases in intake.

Kind regards