

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 1:46 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] Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I object to this development on the following grounds. 1. Water run off. In the consultation response from Southern Water they say that run off cannot be fed into the current sewer system. They also say that there is capacity in the current system to connect new homes. However during heavy rains the drains regularly over flow, and such instances are happening more frequently. The site, whilst not suffering from a risk of flooding itself, is at the top of a valley with a dry river bed at the lowest point. Thus any surface water run off will seek the route of least resistance and head towards Wilson's Way and Rhododendron Avenue. (the dry river bed). Whilst the developer is looking to install 2 large suds these are also on the side of the valley and will thus release their contents into the earth where again it will find Wilsons way and Rhododendron Avenue. The latter is a flood risk area, and is within 100 meters of the eastern boundary of the site. Thus there is insufficient mainsdrainage infrastucture to cope with this site, and the proposed alternative will jeopardise the safety of the wider community. 2. Transport. This site is located on a particularly hazzardous section of the A227, evidenced by regular Kent Police Speed vans at the entrance and a catalogue of incidents, some of which have been gravely serious. The increase in traffic during peak times from the proposed 100 homes, combined with the increase in traffic once the Lower Thames Crossing is constructed will place extra significant stress on an already stressed road network. Whilst there are bus stops in the locality the nearest rail station is some three miles away and the public transport system in the locality is sparse meaning residents will be forced to use private motor vehicles. 3 Contamination. It is noted that the site is contaminated, yet details are not
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given. Building homes on contaminated land should be avoided to protect the safety of residents in the short and long term.

4 In the last GBC local plan, this site was listed as a tier 3 area, thus this scheme does not fit with the local plan as development is prioritised to Tier 1 then Tier 2 sites.

5 Local infrastructure. Culverstone Primary and Meopham Primary are both single class entry per year and do not have the capacity for more children. Meopham Medical centre is already at breaking point and cannot support the local community effectively, which is a serious safety risk. The potential extra 200 to 400+ residents would exacerbate this safety risk.

In conclusion I have no other option but to object to this scheme

Kind regards