

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 1:48 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:	Wrotham Road Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am writing as a local resident to object in the strongest terms to planning application 20250802 for the development of up to 100 new dwellings at Blackthorn Farm.</p> <p>My objections are as follows:</p> <p>Impact on Local Infrastructure</p> <p>The proposed scale of development would place unacceptable pressure on already overstretched local infrastructure, including schools, GP surgeries, and community facilities.</p> <p>No clear or sufficient mitigation measures have been outlined to address these impacts.</p> <p>Highway Safety and Traffic Congestion</p> <p>The A227 and South Street are already heavily trafficked and prone to congestion. Introducing a new access point and significantly increasing traffic volumes will exacerbate these issues.</p> <p>Road safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and schoolchildren will increase, especially given the limited public transport options in this area.</p> <p>Environmental and Landscape Harm</p> <p>The site lies within an attractive rural setting that contributes to the character of Meopham and the surrounding countryside. Large-scale housing would cause irreversible harm to the landscape and rural character.</p> <p>The loss of greenfield land would negatively impact biodiversity and local habitats.</p>
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Flooding and Drainage Concerns

The proposed development site is vulnerable to surface water run-off and potential flooding, particularly given the topography of the land and surrounding fields.

Large-scale construction and the introduction of impermeable surfaces will increase flood risk for existing nearby properties and place additional strain on local drainage systems, which are already limited.

There is insufficient evidence in the application that a robust Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) has been considered or that long-term maintenance of drainage infrastructure will be guaranteed.

Conflict with Local and National Planning Policies

This proposal appears inconsistent with the Gravesham Local Plan, which seeks to direct new development to sustainable locations with existing infrastructure and services.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) also stresses the importance of protecting the countryside, reducing flood risk, and ensuring developments are sustainable.

Unsustainable Location

The site is not well-served by public transport and would increase car dependency, contrary to climate and sustainability goals.

In conclusion, this development would have a serious and detrimental impact on the local community, environment, and infrastructure. I therefore urge the Council to refuse planning permission for this application.

Kind regards