

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 3:33 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]
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Address:	Vigo Village Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	While the proposed housing developments in Meopham aim to address housing shortages, they highlight significant gaps in infrastructure planning. Without comprehensive strategies to improve transportation, education, healthcare, flood management, and community amenities, the benefits of new housing may be undermined by increased congestion, overstretched services, and diminished quality of life.

I have highlighted some of the issues that form the basis of my submission to reject a development that will significantly negatively impact Meopham

Transportation

Overstated Accessibility: The Plan assumes that proximity to bus stops and rail stations equates to viable public transport access, without recognising the extremely limited and irregular nature of local bus services (primarily school-focused). This undermines the claimed potential for modal shift away from private car use.

Misrepresentation of Walking and Cycling Opportunities: While national walking-distance benchmarks are cited, the Plan disregards the absence of safe, continuous, and practical walking/cycling infrastructure on rural roads. Reliance on "competent cyclists" is not an appropriate basis for sustainable transport planning in this context.

Generic Targets, Not Grounded in Local Reality: The stated objective of reducing single-occupancy car travel by 10% within five years is aspirational but unsupported by locally realistic measures. No credible evidence is presented that such a shift could be achieved given current infrastructure, service availability, and rural settlement patterns.

Failure to Recognise Local Constraints: The Plan lacks genuine engagement with known challenges in the area, including limited employment opportunities within walking distance, reliance on the A227 (already heavily trafficked), and the environmental sensitivity of surrounding land.

In conclusion, its findings are speculative and overly optimistic. It should therefore be given little weight in determining the planning application.

Healthcare

Local healthcare services, including GP surgeries and hospitals, are already under strain and the Meopham surgery is already at capacity. The proposed housing development could further severely pressure these services, leading to longer waiting times and reduced quality of care for residents.

Introducing a substantial amount of cars into a concentrated area that lacks adequate public transportation will have a big impact on emissions and wildlife.

Policing

The Kent police are an integral part of any community and already facing huge challenges that are overstretched.

Habit

Meopham is home to a diverse range of wildlife, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates and has some beautiful ancient woodland. It should not be destroyed for a project that is already lacking infrastructure and is environmentally insensitive. Therefore it should also be added to a submission to refuse an inappropriate planning application.

Kind regards