

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 5:48 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]
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Re: Application Reference 20250802 - Blackthorn Farm, Wrotham Road, Meopham
Dear Sir/Madam,
I wish to object to the above planning application for the development of up to 100 residential dwellings at Blackthorn Farm, Wrotham Road, Meopham.
1. Traffic and Highway Safety The proposal would lead to a substantial increase in traffic movements onto the A227, a road that already experiences congestion and safety issues. The proposed new access onto South Street raises serious concerns regarding visibility, pedestrian safety, and the capacity of the junction to accommodate such a significant rise in vehicle use.
2. Strain on Local Infrastructure Meopham's schools, GP surgeries, and other community facilities are already under pressure. An additional 100 dwellings will place unacceptable strain on these services, with no clear mitigation proposed.
3. Inappropriate Scale and Character The scale of the development is wholly out of keeping with the existing rural character of the area. It represents overdevelopment of a greenfield site and conflicts with the village setting as defined in the local development plan.
4. Environmental and Ecological Impact The site is currently farmland, providing open space and supporting biodiversity. Its loss would have a detrimental impact on local wildlife and would reduce the area's rural amenity value.
5. Flooding and Drainage Concerns The introduction of extensive hard surfacing for roads, driveways, and dwellings raises the risk of flooding and inadequate surface water drainage. No robust details have been provided to show how these risks would be mitigated.
Conclusion For these reasons, I strongly object to this application. The adverse impacts in terms of highway safety, infrastructure, environmental harm, and loss of rural character significantly outweigh any potential benefits. The proposal is unsustainable and contrary to the planning policies intended to protect Meopham's character and community.
I respectfully urge the Council to refuse this application.

Kind regards