

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 02/10/2025 11:40 AM 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:	Sevenoaks [REDACTED]

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

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I wish to register my objection to the current planning application.

Whilst I recognise that there is a national need for additional housing, I have significant concerns regarding both the feasibility and the local impact of the proposed development.

The Government has pledged to deliver 1.5 million new homes during this Parliament, yet the reality is that the skills shortage within the construction industry is acute, particularly since Brexit. Much of the skilled workforce previously came from Europe, and we have not replaced this capacity. In addition, construction materials have risen sharply in cost since Covid, which makes large-scale development increasingly expensive and unsustainable.

Before pursuing new large housing schemes, priority should be given to bringing existing empty homes back into use, redeveloping brownfield land, and addressing the issue of land-banking by developers. Without tackling these matters first, new developments risk worsening current problems rather than providing genuine solutions.

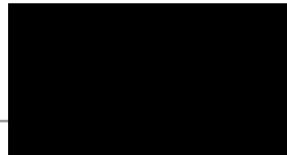
Infrastructure also remains a critical concern. Public transport provision is inadequate, forcing many families to rely on multiple cars. A more robust transport system must be in place before new housing is added on this scale.

With regard to Meopham specifically, there are already proposals for up to 1,300 homes across several sites in the coming years. Meopham is a linear village built around the A227, a road that is already heavily congested and highly vulnerable to disruption. A single incident - whether a broken-down bus, temporary traffic lights, or worse, a sinkhole - causes gridlock. This diverts HGV traffic into surrounding lanes ill-suited to such vehicles, creating safety hazards and damage to local roads.

The A227 also serves three schools, creating additional traffic pressures. Parking is already a significant issue, and further development would only exacerbate the situation.

Kent is under exceptional pressure as a commuter county feeding into London. If we continue with unchecked development, I fear we risk losing the very identity of the county as the "Garden of England".

For these reasons, I respectfully oppose this planning application and urge the planning authority to consider more sustainable alternatives.



Kind regards