

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/12/2025 12:14 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am objecting to the planning application for the access to the site opposite Camer Parade for the Construction of 350 houses, my reasons for objecting are: The suggested access to the site is situated opposite Camer Parade, and between Green Lane and Longfield Hill, this section of the A227 is already highly congested and access to and from the parade is challenging, adding another 700 vehicles to this already saturated piece of road is going to create a bottleneck around the access to the shops and the 2 schools in Longfield Hill, plus a deferred bottleneck for Meopham Secondary School, this part of the A227 is almost unusable now in the peak hours, how another 700 vehicles will affect this is fairly obvious and permission would only be granted by people who were not having to use the A227 on a daily basis.</p> <p>There is also the question of pollution in general and this close to the schools in particular, do we really want the Children of the village to be exposed to this extra level of fumes, the worst type of exhaust fumes is in slow moving traffic and this is certainly going to be the case in this area.</p> <p>Either the Highways Agency or KCC or GBC have already acknowledged that Camer Parade is a problem area when it comes to traffic, the layout at the Parade was completely altered recently to try and improve the access to and from the Parade, if we already know this is a problem why are we considering making it worse?</p> <p>The National Highways Agency and Kent Fire Service have requested more information regarding this application; they have asked for the decision to be delayed until February 2026 at least this must imply there are areas of concern.</p>
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Meopham Medical Centre is already extremely busy as is Darent Valley Hospital, an additional 700 people requiring routine or emergency treatment will stretch the resources beyond breaking point.

It is suggested that the new residents will be using Public Transport, statistically around 10% of working people commute by Public Transport, the remaining people are going to be using their cars either for school runs or for work or both, this additional volume of traffic is not sustainable for a Single Carriageway Road. 2 separate attempts have been made to build in this area, one in 2002 and one in 2010, both were rejected on the grounds of access being a problem, from a level of traffic point of view and of a safety point of view considering the position of the suggested entrance, these were 15 years ago and the level of traffic has increased since then by quite a large volume, therefore if they were refused 15 years ago and the only thing that has changed is the volume of traffic has increased it would only seem logical that the application will be refused again. Finally, I attended a parish council meeting December 3rd regarding all this planning, and of course brown field sites (and grey, which this land is NOT it's green) was bought up, it was said that developers wont build on brown field sites as it's too expensive to 'clean' the land first! What an awful reason, so the alternative is to just leave it barren and useless and not build there, leave as wasteland?

Surely couldn't the government give grants to fully encourage use of brown field sites? Otherwise it just seems it's the easy option, less costly for them and more profit for the developers at the detriment to the greenbelt. In Gravesend there are a lot of brownfield sites and a very good station for travel to London, surely this is the better place to build rather than destroying farming land.

Kind regards