

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 5:32 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] Tradescant Drive Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Permitting access for 350 dwellings presents significant safety concerns. The development is expected to generate approximately 700 private vehicles, in addition to regular delivery, refuse, and service traffic. This volume of movement is well beyond the safe operational capacity of the proposed access arrangement. The proposal would materially alter the character and appearance of the locality, adversely affecting the setting of the adjacent conservation area and diminishing its recognised heritage value. The site comprises a substantial area of actively farmed agricultural land that directly contributes to food production. Its development would result in the irreversible loss of productive and valuable farmland. The site lies immediately opposite a retail parade that is already identified as an accident hotspot. Any increase in vehicle movements arising from the development would exacerbate existing road safety risks. Wrotham Road experiences significant congestion during school drop-off and pick-up periods due to on-street parking, creating noted safety issues. Additional traffic generated by the development would further compromise both vehicular and pedestrian safety.

The constrained section of carriageway adjacent to The George Inn already causes severe congestion, with larger vehicles struggling to pass safely. Increased traffic flows associated with the proposal would intensify congestion and heighten associated hazards.

The site remains protected as Green Belt land, and no change to this designation has been made.

In combination, the proposed developments in Meopham are likely to result in an additional 1,400 vehicles using the A227 as their principal route, placing significant pressure on the local road network.

The A227, while narrow and with limited pedestrian provision, serves as a through-route including heavy goods vehicles and regularly experiences congestion when nearby diversions are implemented.

The surrounding minor roads are wholly insufficient to accommodate diverted traffic during road closures or incidents.

The anticipated opening of the Lower Thames Crossing is expected to increase through-traffic volumes, further exacerbating congestion on the A227.

At peak times, trains from Meopham and Sole Street are frequently overcrowded, leaving many passengers standing, while local bus services remain limited, infrequent, and unreliable.

Overall, the proposed developments could increase Meopham's population by around one-third, a level of growth that the village is unlikely to accommodate without substantial impacts on infrastructure, public services, and its rural character.

Kind regards