

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 5:40 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>This proposal would result in unsafe access conditions. With 120 dwellings likely to generate more than 250 vehicles, in addition to routine service and delivery traffic, the proposed access is not capable of managing the anticipated traffic levels or the associated turning movements safely.</p> <p>Placing residential development directly beside the Helen Allison SEN School is wholly unsuitable. Pupils require a stable, low-disruption environment, and the increased noise, traffic, and surrounding activity arising from the scheme would impose unnecessary stress and sensory overload, to the detriment of the well-being of vulnerable children.</p> <p>The development would lead to the permanent loss of high-quality agricultural land that has supported long-standing farming activity. This land plays an important role in both local and national food production and should be preserved rather than developed.</p> <p>Longfield Road is already extremely constrained, with its narrow carriageway further reduced by on-street parking on both sides. It experiences significant congestion during school start and finish times, and any additional traffic introduced by the development would intensify these already unsafe conditions.</p> <p>The 50 mph speed limit begins close to residential areas and school sites, and many drivers maintain this speed as they approach Meopham, making Longfield</p>
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Road inherently hazardous. Additional traffic from the development would heighten these dangers and further compromise road safety.

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