

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 23/03/2026 4:47 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
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Address:	[REDACTED] Court Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	The proposed development of 725 dwellings on the Land North of Camer Road represents a scale of urban incursion that would fundamentally and irreversibly alter the character of both Meopham and Sole Street. At the heart of this objection is the immediate threat to the physical separation of the communities; by filling the vital green gap that currently exists, the project would force the coalescence of two distinct villages into a single, anonymous suburban sprawl, permanently erasing the traditional rural identity of the area. While the developer presents the inclusion of a new primary school as a community benefit, this is a misleading narrative. Based on school capacity data and the scale of the project, this facility is not a gift to existing residents but a necessary mitigation for the massive population spike of over 1,500 people the development itself would create. It is a functional requirement to prevent the collapse of local education services, yet it is being used as a justification to sacrifice 44 hectares of high-quality, productive Green Belt land that is currently a cornerstone of our local landscape. The strain on the infrastructure would extend far beyond the classroom, as the historic rural lanes are physically incapable of absorbing the resulting traffic. To accommodate the surge in vehicle movements, the developer's own plans suggest "carriageway widening," which would replace the traditional Kentish lanes-defined by ancient hedgerows and soft verges-with engineered, concrete-kerbed urban roads. This transition from rural to suburban is compounded by the
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lack of evidence that our local GP surgeries, water systems, or sewage networks have the capacity to handle such a sudden and significant influx of residents. Furthermore, the community faces years of severe industrial disruption during the construction phase. Thousands of heavy goods vehicle movements will be forced onto narrow roads like Camer Road and Norwood Lane, creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians and cyclists while causing long-term damage to the road infrastructure. For those living in historic properties in the area, the sustained vibration from these heavy loads poses a credible threat to the structural integrity of ancient foundations, a risk that cannot be easily mitigated. Finally, the aesthetic impact of the project is entirely out of character with the village grain. The introduction of three-story dwellings creates a "hard urban wall" that would dominate the skyline and block views of the North Downs dip slope. This loss of visual openness, combined with the inevitable light pollution from a large-scale estate, would ruin the dark skies and peaceful atmosphere that characterize this part of the National Landscape. Ultimately, this proposal prioritizes housing targets over the permanent protection of our heritage, the environment, and the very soul of the community.

Kind regards