

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/03/2026 9:18 AM 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]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Wrotham Road Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: For the reasons stated below, ranging from infrastructure collapse to environmental degradation, I urge the Planning Committee to refuse this application. This proposal is not "sustainable development" as defined by the NPPF; it is an overdevelopment that the local geography and infrastructure simply cannot support.

1. Critical Infrastructure & Healthcare Capacity

The primary concern for current residents is the documented inability of local services to absorb further growth. Both Meopham and Istead Rise GP Practices have formally documented that they are at maximum capacity. Adding a significant number of new residents without a concurrent and funded expansion of healthcare facilities poses a direct risk to the health and wellbeing of the existing community.

2. Highways Safety and Traffic Volume

The scale of this development is projected to introduce approximately 1,450 additional vehicles to the local road network.

Congestion: The local lanes and the A227 are already operating at peak capacity.

Emergency Access: I am particularly concerned that increased traffic flow will

impede emergency vehicle access to properties on Norwood Lane. In life-critical situations, the delays caused by "rat-running" and stationary traffic could be fatal.

Sustainable Transport Failings: The application touts the proximity of the train station, yet Meopham Station remains inaccessible for many. The lack of a lift at the bridge means the disabled, the elderly, and parents with prams are effectively barred from using rail services, forcing more car journeys and debunking "green" transport claims.

3. Environmental Impact & Climate Change

Carbon Sequestration: The current open land acts as a vital Carbon Sump. Converting this greenfield site to concrete and asphalt removes a natural carbon-sequestering asset at a time when the Council has a duty to meet Net Zero targets.

Pollution: The increase in vehicular movement will inevitably lead to a rise in air and noise pollution. Furthermore, the introduction of street lighting and domestic light spill will cause significant light pollution, destroying the dark-sky character of this rural edge.

4. Flood Risk and Mitigation

Norwood Lane and Wrotham Road already suffer from documented flooding issues. These open fields currently serve as natural drainage, capturing and slowing surface water runoff. Replacing this permeable land with hardstanding will exacerbate the flood risk to existing homes, as artificial mitigation systems rarely match the efficiency of natural floodplains.

5. Food Security and Land Use

In an era of increasing global instability, the protection of agricultural and open land is a matter of National Food Security. We should be protecting our ability to produce food locally rather than permanently losing high-quality land to speculative development.

6. Cumulative Impact

This application cannot be viewed in isolation. When considered alongside other recent and proposed developments in Gravesham, the cumulative effect on the Green Belt, local biodiversity, and village character is overwhelming. Meopham is in danger of losing its identity as a rural village and becoming an overstretched suburb.

Kind regards