

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 06/03/2026 8:34 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] Sallows Shaw Sole Street, Cobham Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Having worked all our lives to move to an idyllic village and live a quiet life surrounded by fields and nature, we now find ourselves fighting to keep them this way. Our heritage wildlife is already struggling, we have noticed a decline in many species since moving here. Last year (2025) we only saw 2 pairs of House Martins compared to when we moved here in 2014, you couldn't count all the pairs and young there were too many. The foxes are more evident, visiting the gardens rather than feeding in the fields. It's now rare to hear the call of the Tawny Owls who used to hoot nightly. The guinea fowl are also on decline. Visits from pheasants, quails and partridge are now considered a treat. With no home for them and more traffic, road kill will increase and we will witness the demise of our wildlife and environment. Trees and hedgerows are fundamental to sustaining their habitats, one oak tree alone can support over a 1,000 species. Building more homes will drive nature away and change the countryside forever. The infrastructure around us cannot support this huge amount of new dwellings. The narrow lanes surrounding the new builds are too small for the extra traffic that will be present. These lanes currently are under threat just from the large vehicles that cannot navigate them without mounting the verge to pass through.
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Our doctors and dentists are full - (you have to book a private dentist locally as there are no NHS ones who are taking new patients) our local hospital (Darenth Valley) cannot cope with the amount of people visiting it now. (Try parking there for an appointment at 2pm! Impossible.) As for the AE department, I personally spent 18 hours in the corridor with an 85 year old who was in unimaginable pain and that's after a 4 hour wait for an ambulance. The NHS is on its knees. Gravesham council should be looking to reinstate the hospital it closed - which has been empty for years.

Adding this amount of housing will contribute to more light pollution - we moved here because we like not having street lights and want it to remain that way. Building more houses will also add to the flooding problems that occur around us.

The sweetener of building a new school sounds great for those with youngsters however the bigger picture needs to be considered. Our secondary schools are oversubscribed and parents wait anxiously to see if their child secured a place at their chosen school - more often than not and makes for a longer journey - more traffic.

Once the fields are gone they are gone forever, we should be supporting our local farmers in every way we can. Where will the crops come from? (Abroad? Not a good example of a carbon foot print, and not environmentally friendly).

We believed Gravesham council when it said in its draft plan it wouldn't merge the two villages together - once again we find ourselves let down by the greed of others.

It is my belief we should protect the countryside, protect our wildlife and preserve green spaces for all to enjoy. There is nothing better for your mental health than taking a long walk and listening to the nature that surrounds you.

Kind regards