

We are writing to strongly object to this vast proposal of 750 houses, some up to three storey's in height, all to be built on Greenbelt Grade 2 agricultural arable land! This area has several bio diverse woodland copses including Blundells Shaw with significant amounts of wildlife, which is next door to Camer Park and Kent Down's National Landscape and the conservation area or Hook Green. No amount of mitigation will alleviate the damage and destruction caused by increased air borne and light pollution caused by this huge development. We must safeguard the countryside, protect natural habitats and ancient ecosystems.

We must prevent urban sprawl, the merging of the surrounding towns and villages, Sole Street and Hook Green will merge. The unique character of our villages must be preserved, along with the communities who will be shattered by the excessive impacts on the local amenities which are already at capacity. Both Meopham and Istead Rise GP surgeries have documented by letters that they are at full capacity, as is Darenth Valley Hospital. The traffic increase will be around 1,450 extra cars, plus local driver vehicles. Additional traffic will cause pollution and development will cause light pollution. Wrotham Road is already at capacity with traffic and with the development of the lorry park at the bottom of Wrotham Hill, the new Thames crossing and with this and other developments, Wrotham Road will become one huge traffic jam. Emergency vehicles to houses on Norwood Lane will also be impeded. The train station has no lift on the bridge to the other side, making it unsuitable for disabled, etc. Open fields capture water reducing flooding, which is a major issue on Norwood Lane and Wrotham Road. Open land acts as a carbon sump. The water companies have also stated that they cannot provide for any extra housing in the area. The cumulative effect of developments in the area must be considered and the effects they will have on the current population and irreversible damage to the environment and nature.

Yours sincerely,

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