

I wish to totally object to this proposed development.

The Proposed Submission version of Gravesham Local Plan 2042, which has still to be ratified, lists a total of 9 potential sites along the A227 affecting Culverstone, Meopham and Istead Rise. These 9 sites already represent an unsustainable 1000 additional homes.

There are a further additional 5 planning applications being proposed by developers, of which this is one, for an additional 1347 new homes, which would result in an overall total of 2347 new homes in Culverstone, Meopham and Istead Rise.

There has to be an overall strategic plan approved, and in place, before any applications are approved. It is absolutely unacceptable to view each application as a stand alone issue.

Twice in John Burdens TWO page forward to the Local plan, he quotes "a brownfield first approach" and "With critical infrastructure delivered ahead of occupation **"infrastructure-first"** ...

The local surgeries already have insufficient capacity.

There are still thousands more houses to be built at Ebbsfleet, Higham and Borough Green. Darent Valley Hospital struggles to meet its current demand.

Schools are already full, assuming an average of one child per household, where are the potential 2350 additional children going to be educated?

New sites are supposed to have sustainable travel plans. The FIRST bus leaving Culverstone in the morning to Meopham and Gravesend train stations, is at 8.20am and, if on time, gets to the bus stop **near** Meopham station at 8.30, but the train for London leaves at 8.35 and arrives in London at 9.30am. That is not going to get residents to work in time. After that, the buses are approx every 90 Minutes.

There is no identified LOCAL need for significant numbers of new houses. Building social and, so called, affordable housing in the villages is a nonsense. Less affluent residents will need to have a car, to get to work, to shop, for social events etc. Many people who go by train are dropped off and picked up at the station, which result in two car journeys to the station and two car journeys back.

Cycling along the A227 is dangerous at the best of times, and suicidal in the morning rush hour and in the dark and wet.

Who is going to pay for and ensure the mains water, mains sewage and mains drainage infrastructure systems are upgraded BEFORE the houses are built?

Newlands Lane is firmly in the GREEN BELT, and with climate change, the war in Ukraine, (major global grain provider) and major disruption to the the worlds shipping

lanes, now is the time when we should be safeguarding all our agricultural land, not covering it in concrete and tarmac.

Once the GREEN BELT is built upon, it and the wildlife habitats are lost FOREVER.

Currently the developers are swamping the local community with a Green Belt First policy, it is one massive land grab, and will only serve to undermine and harm the living standards and community spirit of existing residents.

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