

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/11/2025 3:46 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Norwood Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0YE
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a development of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class C3), including affordable dwellings, and associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure works.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: A227

Although this road is an 'A' road, it is basically a 'single lane carriageway' format and has no leeway for overtaking. Whenever there is an accident, flooding or roadworks (of which there are many of all three quite regularly), the road is reduced to a standstill with huge tailbacks and the surrounding lanes become gridlocked. At peak times, 7.30am - 9.30pm, 2.45pm - 3.45pm and 5.00pm - 6.30pm, the A227 itself (plus roads leading onto it from the outlying villages) is extremely busy and moving around the village at these times is very difficult for everyone.

Infrastructure

The local doctors and schools are full to capacity. Doctors appointments are difficult to book and the schools, being of a good standard, are popular and under pressure. Children come into Meopham from the outlying areas to attend the Secondary School and most likely the Primary too. The traffic problems with 'school run' times is heightened because the public transport bus service really isn't fit for purpose. Our buses are very restricted with no Sunday service at all. For most residents, the car is the most convenient form of transport, especially for those working unsociable hours.

Our local hospital at Darenth Valley is struggling to cope with the numbers using its services now. With the local housing applications being put forward, plus those in neighbouring boroughs, I cannot see how it will cope in the future. Attending, outpatients appointments or visiting relatives is a feat in itself, with queues for on site parking long, causing lateness or even missing an appointment.

Environment

Fields help to dial up surface water, if we build on them - where will the water go?

The village already suffers from flooding when we get heavy rainfall, it will only get worse - adding to the road problems already mentioned. Our wildlife is already in danger of being squeezed out, due to loss of habitat and more and more development. It's no compensation to offer 'green spaces' within a development, when the green space is THERE already and being torn up for housing that isn't NEEDED. The pollution caused by adding several thousand more cars into the village is huge, as is light pollution and loss of green spaces.

Green Belt

The green belt is supposed to protect our countryside from overdevelopment and from the merging of towns and villages. This site is still classed as green belt and as such, should be protecting our village and beautiful countryside from being lost forever. The area around Camer Park is well used by dog walkers, ramblers, runners and cyclists and can never be replaced. The character of the whole village is at risk, if we starting tearing up our fields - which are currently used for agriculture.

With this development, of 350 houses, added to the other applications for the area, it now totals over 1500 houses. These houses will be mostly high end properties, attracting an expensive sale price, with very few aimed at the lower rungs of the housing ladder. These are not NEEDED but WANTED by developers, who are too lazy and greedy to find and use brownfield sites. Sadly, it's cheaper and easier to develop green belt.

My objections are:-

Existing traffic problems will only increase.

The whole area, but particularly the main thoroughfare, will be more dangerous with more cars pulling out onto the A227.

Roads already flood.

Doctors and schools already under pressure.

Public transport inadequate.

Loss of green spaces and a danger to wildlife.

Loss of character of the village.

Loss of green belt and setting a dangerous precedent, opening up more areas to development.

Kind regards