

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/05/2025 8:56 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Request for a screening opinion in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of an EIA Screening Opinion to determine whether two outline planning applications for residential developments, one for up to 350 dwellings and one for up to 120 dwellings, at Meopham, Wrotham Road constitutes EIA development.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Tradescant Drive Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Meopham has expanded over the past decades with mixed housing which has served the village well. However, additional housing would be detrimental for the following reasons; The A227 is already a very busy road which links the A20/M20 and the A2/M2. With schools and shops in Culverstone and Meopham, plus shopping outlets and residential roads, it cannot bear any further traffic from increased housing. There is also likely impact on traffic through Green Lane which would be very damaging. Surveyors have recently been assessing what I assume is widening at the junction with the A227, but this will not address the wider problems. When there is any hold up on the A2, traffic uses it as an unofficial diversion - coming through Cobham and Sole Street - along narrow country lanes including a traffic calming system in Cobham Village. Meopham Primary school is already over subscribed. The Senior school has been extended including additional car parking, and double decker buses bring students in daily from the Gravesend area. Parking at the Camer Parade shops is already very congested, resulting in a new central island having to be built to prevent illegal parking which had made exit very dangerous. The Senior school site also has our surgery, which is already very stretched, although doing an excellent job for the village. Meopham has, I believe, a high percentage of older residents which puts additional pressure on the surgery. Returning to the actual sites, it was not easy to identify the actual areas involved from the website maps, but local fields are prime agricultural land, excellently managed by local tenant farmers with crops rotated. We are surely trying to ensure more self sufficiency in this country, due to world instability.
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I also understand that there is a development site in Gravesham with planning permission for 1500 houses on which the builder has now backed out. I hope this is a priority.

The old maternity hospital in Bath Street has also been abandoned for years. With broken windows and graffiti, it is a very poor image for Gravesend. The new community hospital is a wonderful addition for the whole Gravesham area and the old hospital could be developed for local housing.

Local housing is also a very important consideration. Many shops have closed and creating flats in unused central properties would not only provide more housing but would enable people to walk to town centre shops, thus improving the profitability of the town centre.

The Tollgate site has been derelict for decades! Planning permission is for a charging centre and service station - which is not needed as there are several service stations within very close range! This would be an ideal site for development of the sort of houses which are really needed, with close access to the A2/M2.

The site opposite the Woodville Halls has been flattened for a very long time, with no further activity. This is supposed to be for retirement home according to the surrounding fences.

There has been huge amount of building in the area - primarily by Redrow. I am not well informed about whether surgeries, pharmacies, schools etc have been included in these large developments - but shops and pubs certainly seem to have been.

I hope that a wider consultation, and maybe some radical ideas about using brown field sites, derelict buildings and changing use of existing empty shops will result in a better plan for Gravesham than building on our green fields and affecting local amenities and infrastructure.

Kind regards