

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/12/2025 5:32 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

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

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>Brown field Sites</p> <p>The planning Rules clearly state that brownfield sites should be prioritised first for new housing developments.</p> <p>What is the negative cost of leaving derelict brownfield sites vacant on the economy of Gravesend? Which is dying due to a lack of investment.</p> <p>Building on Gravesend's brownfield sites would rejuvenate the town centre by providing more local residents, who would live within walking distance of the shops, restaurants and public transport.</p> <p>Developers must be incentivised to build on Brownfield sites.</p> <p>Building homes in Meopham will not result in more people shopping in Gravesend.</p> <p>High Grade Agricultural Green Belt Land and Food Supply</p> <p>Green belt, high quality agricultural land must not be designated as Grey belt.</p> <p>Food is being flown to the UK from all over WORLD.</p> <p>Climate change is affecting the whole world, resulting in droughts and crop</p>
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failures.

Ukraine war continues to threaten the viability of a major grain supplier.

Despite all the uncertainty surrounding future food supply, rising costs and the implications of transporting food around the world, OUR politicians believe DEVELOPERS should be allowed to build on prime agricultural land. This can only make us more reliant on others for our future food supply.

Insect life in Kent continues to plummet according to the 2025 Bugs Matter" Splat Survey". The number of flying bugs in KENT having fallen by 66% in just 5 years.

How Developers can suggest that New housing developments, in rural communities will have little or no effect on Ecology and Biodiversity, is beyond belief. Their estates cover acres of high grade agricultural land with concrete and tarmac, whilst generating ever more traffic, air pollution, human noise, addition lighting etc. EVEN A 5 YEAR OLD KNOWS WHEN YOU OPEN A DOOR, OR KNOCK ON THE WINDOW, BIRDS, FOXES, SQUIRRELS, ETC RUN OFF.

The GREEN BELT must be safeguarded for future food production and the protection of the environment. Once the land has been built on it is lost forever.

Traffic and A227

A227, the Developer refers on page 28 to" Heavy traffic along Wrotham Road is also a negative feature, with no concessions made to the road passing through a conservation area."

Page 29 again refers toWrotham Road and heavy traffic.

In Meopham, there are currently 4 proposed developments, in very close proximity, totalling 1,330 homes, plus proposed developments at Culverstone and Istead Rise. Plus another 2000 homes in Borough Green.

The Developer fails to provide any data on how many additional car journeys their estate will have, let alone the number from all 4 sites.

The proposed access arrangements for the Wrotham Road development are dangerous and liable to lead to potential serious accidents. Requiring cyclists to go back and forth across the A227 to use very short runs of cycle path.

The proposal is so ill thought through and misguided that it must bring into question all the other comments and proposals included in the design statement.

Bus services are very limited, erratic and poorly used.

Affordable Housing Needs

Page 14 of The Design Document quotes "The Meopham Rural Housing Needs Assessment 2020" and provides details of the existing mix of houses.

The Developer does not however mention that the " Meopham Rural Housing Needs Assessment 2020" also states the actual number of affordable homes needed by Meopham Residents showed:-

A need for up to 21 affordable homes for the following local households were identified: - 10 single people - 6 couples - 4 families - 1 other type of household (extended family)

Overall, the survey has identified a need for 25 affordable homes, 4 of which are for older households.

SO WHY ARE THEY PROPOSING OVER 150 AFFORDABLE HOMES ON JUST THIS ONE SITE!!

GP, Hospital and Schools Capacity

All have major problems with capacity and require a clear long term plan before any houses are ever built.

These new facilities will need yet more land to be sacrificed.

Kind regards