

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/12/2025 5:08 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] Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>Traffic consequences:</p> <p>A scheme of 350 homes would introduce well over 700 additional vehicles, along with delivery and service traffic, placing unacceptable strain on the A227 and the narrow Green Lane. There are no pavements or streetlights at present and these should not be added to our village, and neither should the roads be widened and lots of mini roundabouts added. This would also completely ruin our historic village. Meopham is already the longest village in Kent and it is completely inappropriate to make it sprawl even further when there are other suitable sites available. I think the developers favour Meopham because they can expect to make bigger profits per unit by building on our sacred green belt. This is a disgraceful situation the developers should not be helped to damage our precious countryside by relaxing planning laws.</p> <p>Current traffic conditions:</p> <p>The A227 already suffers from regular congestion, particularly at school start and finish times due to nearby schools and shops. Parking around local amenities is extremely limited, which is especially problematic for older and disabled residents who depend on these facilities. This section of Wrotham Road is already full of parked cars near Meopham Community Academy and Mini Meophams Nursery at start and finish times, and people often park illegally opposite the shops. I had understood that Gravesham Council was against any further access roads onto the A227 below Meopham Green, yet this development includes two proposed access roads onto the A227 as well as a new access road opposite Tradescant</p>
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Drive onto Green Lane, which would presumably lead to a roundabout being added and possibly widening Green Lane, which is a lovely country road.

Highway safety, noise and air quality:

New junctions onto the A227 would increase delays, noise levels and air pollution. Proposals to widen Green Lane or introduce a roundabout would erode its rural nature and are likely to worsen traffic disruption rather than improve it.

Inappropriate Green Belt development:

This site is within the Green Belt and should remain undeveloped to protect openness and prevent urban sprawl. A development of this scale is unsuitable for a village such as Meopham.

Strain on local infrastructure:

Schools, GP surgeries, hospitals including Darent Valley Hospital, public transport, drainage systems and other statutory services are already under pressure and would struggle to accommodate further growth.

Unsafe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists:

The lack of continuous pavements and absence of cycle lanes make walking and cycling unsafe.

Harm to conservation areas:

The proposal would negatively affect the setting, character and ecological importance of nearby conservation areas.

Loss of agricultural land:

The site consists of high-quality farmland that has been cultivated for generations and would be permanently lost to development.

Impact on food security:

The loss of this land would reduce both local and national food production capacity.

Environmental and biodiversity impacts:

Development would destroy wildlife habitats and harm local plant and animal life.

Erosion of village identity:

The proposal would further urbanise Meopham and contribute to overdevelopment of the Green Belt, despite the availability of more appropriate sites elsewhere.

Kind regards