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Application Reference: 20260207		Case Officer: Mrs Katherine Parkin	
Location:	Land at Norwood Lane, Meopham		
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1)		
I am:	Member of the Public (Age 18 or above)	☒	Other:
My Title & Full Name:			
My address & postcode:	 THE STREET, COBHAM, GRAVESEND, KENT DA12 3BX		

I have the following comments on planning application number 20260207 :

Please read the attached submission of 4 pages.

Signed:

Comments continued overleaf

**I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON
PLANNING APPLICATION 20260207 .**

1.HIGHWAYS. I strongly object to this town -like layout in our beautiful countryside and our country home . For that is exactly what is being created around our village streets . There is no A, B or C category roads on our country lanes in this Sole Street area. Eventually our village lanes reach the major highway the A227and fortunately the plans show that there is still the narrow lane remaining of one and a half lane wide that joins to the A227 . That will certainly present sharp attention needed by drivers coming from the new Camer highways with their width encouraging speed and less awareness of other drivers . The Camer Road roundabout enlarges the present country lane by 7.5 m and a prescribed bus route on another new highway . These are massive and will require the highways authority to note and supervise its necessity in such beautiful countryside . As a villager I object and wonder what accidents will occur at the northern end of this highway section for then the new widened road meets the narrower bridge and narrow street of Sole Street. No doubt the vehicles will try to leap the bridge at speed and surprised by the sudden narrowing of the road will end up beside the village shop, that of course was where there was a road death previously . I am gravely concerned about the dangers to human and animal life created by these new roads and highways , each accident can create disablement and at the moment our two Victorian stations , { Sole Street has a preservation order on it } have no disenabled access .



2. Flooding . How little do the developers know ! The very name Sole Street means water bogs . There has been flooding in Sole Street since its inception and one can see why there are certain empty flat areas close to the village street and houses are set well back . Drainage makes no difference and the ponds are in competition. Equally there is regular flooding at the entrances to Camer park . Sole Street have a flood warden as drainage doesn't work .

3. Services. Our water in the area comes from the springs underground but this supply will never cope with this huge increase in population and the system the developers suggest will not either . There is no reservoir here . The two Doctor's Surgeries will not take any more patients so what will the coping system , suggested , work with the present and expected continual decline in the numbers of professional medical staff available ? Power in the form of electricity will be in full demand and there have already been many power cuts in the villages and it is something that the villagers are used to and plan accordingly because we are small community focussed villages . This plan for Camer and Sole Street will double the number of households in Sole Street, let alone the number of individuals . Should this planning go ahead , Sole Street as a village community will cease to exist and the integrity of country living will cease to exist . Algorithms have been used by these planners to calculate housing needs and this is known to be misused to support an application of this magnitude and the Government is presently engaged to investigate its use and manipulation by planners .



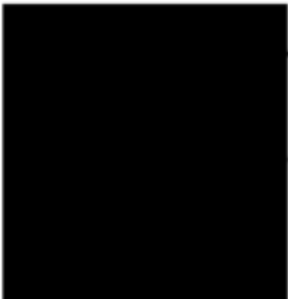
4. Landscape . The green spaces around Meopham and Sole Street are part of the historical landscape. Sole Street still has its Wealden house, its Tudor Cottage, Queen Anne mansion and historical Tin Tabernacle with preservation order . What an impertinent vista this planner demands will replace this countryside and historical vista of fields, hedges and biodiverse woodland copses and ancient woodland but row upon row in disorderly manner of heights and each building disporting glimmering shiny roofs of myriads of solar panels. A 40% covering of these panels will certainly deter the swifts, swallows and house martins that breed here. For generations skylarks have swooped and sung across the area searching for bedding in the arable land below . Barn owls, bats, a wide variety of birds of prey will follow the badgers and disappear from their Green Belt homes . King Charles 111 has vigorously supported National England to create his second National Park and Nature Reserve which is vast and runs from Vigo through Camer Park then Jeskyns, Ashenbank, Cobham Park and across into Ranscombe . These are all SSI graded. The view of this enormous housing estate on the very edge of his Majesty's new National Park will be a carbuncle on the face of our beloved Kent landscape . In addition to these areas of SSI , the park and the area around Sole Street there are ancient byways of national importance , the Wealdway and the North Downs Way cover this area of land that the planner wants to build upon . The planners have obviously identified dips and mounds in the fields nearest Sole Street as this is where they suggest the tallest and varying heights of buildings should go in order to level out the land., surely they



don't think this will match the country style and periods of historical buildings in Sole Street ? However , beneath those dips and mounds on that field is the remains of the Glue and paint factory that was there in the 1920's and beyond . It was quicker and easier to deposit the asbestos buildings , chemicals and other detritous into pits in the field and there they still lay .

The Government, CPRE and we local country folk are seeking carbon neutral in so many ways even to the fact that individuals are changing their lifestyle to achieve this ultimate goal . Climate change is no less for our country , our villages as it is for the world and with one swoop the 20260207 sets out to destroy our Carbon Sump , remove our Green Belt , food security and the richness of this countryside for well being .

I very strongly and hugely object to this planning application number 20260207



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