

The Planning Officer,
Gravesham Borough Council,
Civic Centre,
Windmill Street,
Gravesend,
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DA12 1AU



24th March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Objection to Planning Application 20260207 – Land at Norwood Lane/
Camer Road, Meopham.**

Although we are residents of Hartley we visit Meopham almost every day as we enjoy the countryside there, particularly Camer Park, for walking with our dog.

We are horrified by the development proposals contained in this application , which added to the other proposals in this locality, will destroy much of the Green Belt in the area. Moreover, the lack of infrastructure in this area to cope with the massive increase in traffic on the country lanes and the shortage of water supplies announced by the Water Authority, will create major problems.

The development on this site will also lead to the loss of the separation between the Communities of Meopham and Sole Street. Currently these Communities are separated by a wedge of Green Belt which, I note, the applicant is claiming is Grey Belt. I think you will find that it has generally been accepted that such spaces between Communities remains as Green Belt.

We are also concerned about the loss of arable farmland. Recently the CPRE reported that the use of “the best and most versatile” (BMV land) agricultural land had risen from 60ha in 2010 to 6000ha per year by 2022. This is not sustainable for our food production, particularly in the light of

the many additional demands for land by the solar energy industry. We already import over 50% of our food and with world projected increase in population to 9.7 billion by 2025 and 10.9 billion in 2100 the level of food supplies will become critical.

The Government has issued a Guide for assessing development proposals on agricultural land. We understand that on this particular site the soil is Graded level 2. This grading falls into the category whereby Natural England must be consulted if the loss (or likely cumulative loss) is 20ha of BMV land.

Are you able to assure us that Natural England has been advised of the other sites on BMV agricultural land, under consideration in Meopham?

