

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/11/2025 1:53 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Norwood Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0YE
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a development of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class C3), including affordable dwellings, and associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure works.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am writing to formally object to the three proposed local developments under consultation. I do so on the grounds of the significant and irreversible impact these proposals would have on the environment, local infrastructure, public services, and the character of the area.</p> <p>1. Loss of Green Space and Green Belt Functions</p> <p>The proposed developments would result in the destruction of vital green spaces and open fields. Green belts exist to prevent urban sprawl, maintain separation between settlements, and stop villages from merging into towns. Developing these areas would fundamentally undermine their purpose, eroding the rural character and identity of the village. Green spaces also provide essential environmental benefits, support biodiversity, and contribute to the physical and mental wellbeing of residents. Many of us moved to this area specifically because of its balance between built-up housing and open countryside; these proposals would irreversibly alter that balance.</p> <p>2. Unsustainable Road Infrastructure</p> <p>The local road network is already operating beyond capacity. Daily congestion, particularly during peak hours, is a persistent issue, and roads frequently require repair due to overuse. Adding hundreds of additional vehicles from these developments would exacerbate congestion, increase travel times, and raise safety concerns. No plans have been proposed to upgrade or expand the road network to accommodate this additional demand.</p> <p>3. Insufficient Parking and Pressure on Local Shops</p> <p>Local shops already face significant parking constraints, particularly at busy times. Increasing population without provision for additional retail spaces or parking would place further strain on these facilities, reducing accessibility for current residents and harming the viability of local businesses.</p> <p>4. Overburdened Healthcare Services</p> <p>GP surgeries in the area are already at full capacity, and residents face delays in</p>
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accessing care. The local hospital is similarly overstretched. The proposed developments do not include any measures to expand healthcare provision. Without new medical infrastructure, these plans would place unsustainable pressure on already overstretched services, compromising the health and wellbeing of the local population.

5. Absence of Supporting Infrastructure

The proposals lack any meaningful supporting infrastructure. There are no plans for new schools, public transport improvements, community facilities, or other services to accommodate the increase in population. Sustainable development requires infrastructure to grow alongside housing; in the absence of such provision, the burden falls entirely on existing residents.

6. Loss of Village Character and Overdevelopment

The community has grown significantly in recent decades, yet it has retained its semi-rural character and distinctiveness. These developments would further urbanise the area, eroding its identity and diminishing the quality of life for current residents. The loss of fields and open spaces would make the village indistinguishable from urban sprawl, destroying the very reason many chose to live here.

Conclusion

For these reasons-the loss of green belt function, environmental degradation, insufficient infrastructure, overburdened roads and healthcare, and the irreversible impact on the character of the village-I strongly object to the proposed developments. I urge the planning authority to reject these proposals unless substantial and enforceable measures are included to protect green spaces, improve infrastructure, and preserve the unique identity of the village.

Kind regards