

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 8:55 AM 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] Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Green Belt land exists to prevent towns from spreading into the countryside and to keep a clear separation between urban areas and rural spaces. Building 350 houses on this protected land goes against the purpose of the Green Belt and once the land is lost it cannot be restored. A key concern is the destruction of natural habitats. Green Belt areas support wildlife including birds mammals insects and plant life. Large scale construction removes trees hedgerows grassland and natural corridors. When these are replaced with housing estates the wildlife that depends on them declines and the environmental balance is damaged permanently.
	Developing 350 homes puts heavy pressure on local infrastructure. This level of expansion usually brings more than a thousand new residents which affects schools GP surgeries public transport emergency services and social facilities. Many communities already struggle with limited resources and new housing of this size increases waiting times reduces access to services and places additional strain on local budgets.
	Traffic is another serious issue. More cars on the road increase congestion and pollution. Roads that were designed for lighter use become overcrowded which raises safety risks for pedestrians cyclists and children. Rural roads and village lanes often cannot cope with this level of demand which affects the quality of life for existing residents. Wrotham Road already gets very congested. The condition of the road is not ideal with regular pot holes & massive sunken issue in the past.
	Flooding risks also increase when Green Belt land is replaced with houses. Natural land absorbs rainwater and helps reduce surface water. When it is covered with concrete rainwater flows quickly into drainage systems which may already be outdated or at capacity. This raises the risk of surface flooding for nearby homes and creates long term problems for the community.

Government guidance encourages councils to prioritise brownfield land first.

Brownfield sites are areas that have already been built on and can be redeveloped without harming natural landscapes. Choosing Green Belt land instead suggests that other options have not been fully explored and that the decision is not aligned with sustainable planning.

A large development also changes the character of the area. Many Green Belt locations are valued for their peaceful surroundings open views wildlife and rural identity. Building hundreds of houses disrupts this environment and removes places where people walk exercise and enjoy nature. Community identity can be damaged and once the landscape is changed it cannot return to its original state. This will lead to property prices locally dropping as the environment & views are damaged.

Developers often promise affordable housing but later reduce the number of affordable homes due to cost claims. Communities lose their protected land yet receive fewer benefits than expected which raises fairness concerns and long term dissatisfaction.

Green Belt land is important for health and wellbeing. Access to nature supports mental and physical health and provides a sense of peace. Losing green space reduces opportunities for walking exercise and outdoor activity which affects the overall quality of life for residents.

Most importantly building on Green Belt land is irreversible. Future generations will never experience the open countryside in the same way if it is replaced with housing. Protecting this land shows respect for the environment and ensures the community grows in a balanced and sustainable way.

For these reasons the development of 350 houses on Green Belt land is not in the best interests of the environment the community or future generations.

Kind regards