

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 3:30 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
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: I wish to register my strong objection to this planning application.

1. Conflict with Green Belt Policy

The proposed development is located within the Metropolitan Green Belt, where national policy is clear that the fundamental aim is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. The NPPF requires that Green Belt boundaries and openness be protected as an overriding priority, and that inappropriate development should not be approved except in very special circumstances. No such circumstances appear to exist in this case, and the proposal does not preserve the openness of the Green Belt nor contribute positively to its character, purpose, or visual amenity.

2. Impact on Highways and Transport

The roads and junctions leading to the A227 are already heavily congested, particularly at peak times. Adding significant additional vehicle movements generated by this development would exacerbate existing issues and create further safety concerns. The NPPF requires that new developments should not result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety nor cause the residual cumulative impacts on the road network to be severe. In this location, such impacts are inevitable.

3. Harm to Biodiversity and Local Character

This site is part of a valued landscape close to established parkland and forms part of a wider biodiversity network. The NPPF states clearly that planning decisions should minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains, including through habitat protection and enhancement. The proposed development would erode natural habitats, diminish ecological connectivity, and undermine the landscape character that residents and visitors value.

4. Pressure on Local Infrastructure

Local services-including healthcare, schools, utilities, and community facilities-are already operating beyond capacity. The scale of this proposal would place

unacceptable additional strain on infrastructure that cannot support further expansion without significant upgrades. Both national and local planning policies emphasise the need for developments to be supported by adequate infrastructure, which is not the case here.

Conclusion

For these reasons-Green Belt harm, highway impacts, adverse biodiversity effects, and unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure-the proposal fails to meet the requirements of the NPPF and local planning policies. I therefore urge Gravesham Borough Council to refuse this application in full.

Kind regards