

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/12/2025 7:03 PM 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] Cheyne Walk Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>I strongly object to this outline planning application for any residential dwellings on this site. This is greenbelt land and has not been released from the greenbelt boundary.</p> <p>As the application is for up to 350 residential dwellings this could statistically mean an additional 830 to 850 people - not to mention the potential of an additional 700 cars all using the vastly overused and unsuitable A227, (let alone the surrounding roads) making them more dangerous than they already are. This main throughfare is not well lit at present and if the solution is to add additional lighting this will increase Meopham's light pollution with the extra electricity required putting additional strain on Meopham's antiquated electricity supply - what other rural villages still get regular power cuts?</p> <p>This site is a large area of high grade agricultural land which has been farmed for centuries and contributes to food production which this country must retain</p> <p>The outline application is also for public open space but we, as a rural village, are lucky enough to be able to enjoy our existing public open spaces so we must protect our community for our future generations.</p> <p>This site is directly opposite our parade of village shops and cafes and is already known as an accident "Black Spot" - This is why the road island was constructed recently to try to prevent further accidents.</p> <p>The outline application includes that the vehicular access for the development would be onto the A227 which is another cause for concern as a potential 700 more vehicles will be entering the main road (albeit not at the same time) and will cause more gridlock and danger than there already is. Also, once the</p>

construction of the Lower Thames crossing is completed the A227 is very likely to carry even more traffic than it already does.

Meopham holds the classification of a rural village and England's longest village which residents are proud of and if any residential planning application of this magnitude (or similar) were to be approved the population percentage increase is significant. In fact this could increase Meopham's population by 25%. Meopham does not have the infrastructure to cope with an influx of additional inhabitants:- Our schools have been extended to try to meet the needs of our present numbers so there is no room for additional scholars

Our roads can not cope and were not designed to allow for busy periods ie school run time and business rush hours

Our local roads are already gridlocked when there is congestion due to incidents in surrounding areas

Our medical support (Doctors/Care in the Community/Hospitals etc) is currently at breaking point - or broken due to demand with no additional hospitals or medical centres currently being planned

Our local station only has limited trains so can hardly be classified as a commuter service and there is limited parking at the station

Our buses are not run on a reliable regular basis and have limited destinations
It is impossible to get a taxi service for those who are unable to drive or use public transport

I urge our Local Planning Authority to consider these comments and reject this outline application in full.

Kind regards