

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 9:52 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] Meopham Green Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>Meopham is a country village & farming community with a rich rural heritage and surrounding landscape. This development will negatively impact the character of the village turning it from a relatively small rural community to a small town. I strongly object to the development of this site for 150 houses. This is prime agricultural land which has been farmed for hundreds of years and which has not been released from the Greenbelt boundary. Farming is at the heart of Meopham and this development not only removes this land from their guardianship, further affecting their livelihood, but it also further contributes to the impoverishment of the food supply in the country.</p> <p>This development would be adjacent to an already over-congested road, the A227. The turning into Green Lane towards Sole Street is dangerous and the road is narrow. Increasing the traffic joining this road would only add to congestion and potential for accidents, particularly during school start and end times where temporary parking is a concern. Increasing the number of vehicles where there is already an accident black spot is reckless. The A227 is used as a car park at both the Senior and Junior school drop off times and this will only worsen with the introduction of a further 150 families. There are listed buildings close to the road along the A227 - increased traffic, especially HGVs threaten the security of these buildings. The road narrows at several points, particularly by The Street. When combined with the other 2 proposed developments in Meopham alone there could be another 1200 cars coming through the village. This is not acceptable in terms of pollution and risk to residents.</p> <p>The A227 has already been narrowed with the introduction of traffic calming</p>

measures but it has not reduced the number of vehicles. This single development has the potential to increase the number of users by 300 cars, as well as delivery and service vehicles. With the building of the Lower Thames Crossing, the traffic on the A227 is already set to increase. There is also the very real possibility that people may choose to access the A2 through Sole Street (London bound) and Cobham (coast bound) and these two villages not only have very limited facilities but are narrow and totally unsuitable for larger vehicles. In addition, Norwood lane (which would be used as a shortcut to the station) is unsuitable for most vehicles and the junction where it joins Green Lane has very poor visibility and is dangerous.

Facilities in the local area are already stretched beyond capacity. There are very few shops. One cannot get a GP appointment. The local hospital is unable to cope with the number of people in the area without an influx of more and parking there is impossible. At peak times, train commuters cannot find a seat and parking at both Meopham and Sole Street stations is severely limited. There is an infrequent bus service and trains are often cancelled or delayed, particularly in bad weather. In general, the public transport is unreliable. These issues will not and cannot be improved by the developers and will only be exacerbated by an increase in the number of residents.

The negative impact of this development needs to be considered along with the three other proposed developments in the village and that at Blackthorn Farm. Over 700 new homes will increase the size of Meopham by over a third and will more than double the size of Sole Street. This is an unacceptable over development of a rural area with lack of supporting infrastructure.

Meopham and Sole Street are VILLAGES without housing estates and surrounded by green belt and AONBs which ensure eco diversity and the integrity of the villages. Meopham is currently separate and distinct from Sole Street, a small hamlet with even fewer facilities and this development will join the two villages together, contributing to loss of individual character, loss of green space and increased urban sprawl. It will also negatively impact Camer Park, a conservation area. People travel to the area to escape city life and breathe clean air in a pleasant environment as was obvious during Covid.

It is more cost effective for developers to build on green belt rather than post industrial sites and given that houses in the area are priced at a premium, it is also clear that developing Meopham will be primarily driven by an increase in profit rather than an altruistic desire to help society. Builders do not build unless they can maximise financial gain. I believe that this development is driven more by greed than need and builders should be forced to release their cache of brownfield sites for development first.

Kind regards