

5 December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Planning ref: 20250992**

I write to object to this planning application for the following reasons.

A227 & traffic volumes. The volume of traffic on the A227 is increasing noticeably. Trying to access the 227 from Sole St/Cobham/Green Lane is becoming more problematic. With the addition of another 500+ cars trying to gain access at the Green Lane/227 junction even more traffic problems will result.

Vehicular access is going to be close to a traffic black spot area which has only just had road management work done on it. Adding another 500+ vehicles to this black spot is not appropriate.

This is Greenbelt land and as such should remain free from development. It is good agricultural land, regularly farmed, and should remain so to help the UK's food security.

Where are the additional services going to come from and who is going to provide them? Schools and school places? Medical provision/surgery capacity? Leisure amenities? Shopping facilities? Transport provision for non-car users? Access to all of these is going to require the use of the 227, meaning more and more congestion and gridlock.

Where are all the additional people in all the 4 developments going to work? There is very little in the local area. This means people will have to use their own transport (A227 increased usage) or use the train which is already heavily oversubscribed and often full by the time it reaches Sole St or Meopham.

This development and planning application cannot be taken in isolation. It has to be considered in conjunction with the 23 other proposals and what their overall impact is going to have on Meopham and the surrounding area.

The A227/Longfield Rd junction is very very busy at the start and end of the school day with the two schools on the Longfield Rd. Then with all the traffic for Meopham Academy at these times the addition of 500+ vehicles from this development is going to cause even more problems.

If there should be a closure of the 227 then the surrounding roads, some merely rural lanes would not be able to cope. Many are only 1 car width. The whole area around Meopham would be gridlocked.

Looking to the future and the building of Option C/Thames Crossing construction work and traffic coupled with all the traffic from these proposed developments the 227 and Meopham are going to become a very unpleasant area to live.

For the above reasons I object to this development. Consequently I ask the Council to reject this development application.