

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/03/2026 2:24 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Norwood Lane Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Of all of the major applications for residential developments in and around Meopham and Istead Rise this one is by far the worst. It is in contravention of Green Belt policy. It will join together two separate settlements, Meopham and Sole Street. It is far too large 750 dwellings. It is being built on high value arable land how are we to reduce our carbon footprint if we build on land which has been used for centuries to grow the food we eat? There has not been a consideration of other Green Belt sites let alone other brown field sites & no justification there fore for why this site should be developed. The indicative block plan identifies an amorphous grey area for housing and glibly states that at 40 dwellings per hectare the 750 dwellings can be built comprising 2 and 3 storey dwellings. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] & have worked on many large housing developments & I do not believe that it is anywhere near possible to get 750 dwellings onto the area
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shown without a large number of four storey flats and small two storey terraced houses, both of which are totally out of keeping with the area. At the very least an estate plan should be requested to justify the number of dwellings proposed this cannot be left until the matters pursuant stage. To be absolutely clear you just cant fit 750 dwellings onto that site using 2 and 3 storey dwellings of a type which is in keeping with the area. It simply can't be done.

The services in Meopham/Sole Street cannot cope with this development. There doctors surgeries do not have capacity.

The highway infrastructure cannot cope with this development. Not only will we have to contend with the cars & vehicles from 750 dwellings but the proposed primary school will generate horrendous congestion at peak hours during the drop off and pick up cycle. Added to this the staffing for the proposed school will add yet further to pressure on the highway network. The roads around Meopham are already overloaded with frequent delays along Wrotham Road in both directions at school drop off times. If this development is approved it will be a disaster for the ability of existing residents of Meopham to get around on their normal daily activities

This will destroy a much loved and well used country walk to the detriment of the mental health of local residents

This will have a profound effect on the setting of the Listed Buildings on the other side of Camer Road. A historical appraisal will reveal that Camer Road used to be routed on the Camer Park side of these buildings but was moved to its current location to ease traffic flow and make Camer Park and the Listed buildings quieter. This development will spoil the quiet environment around the Listed buildings and permanently change their setting

Whilst I acknowledge the desperate need for new housing this is so clearly the wrong development in the wrong place. If the applicant wishes to discuss their plans with local residents on the back of a much reduced better thought out and less damaging scheme I am sure this would be welcomed.

Kind regards