

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/12/2025 12:31 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]

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Planning Objection

I wish to object to the proposed development as a regular visitor to Meopham for work and visiting family on the following grounds:

1. Significant Additional Traffic on the A227

The development is expected to generate more than 300 additional cars and service vehicles, all of which would rely on the A227 as the primary route into and out of Meopham. The A227 is already heavily used and frequently congested, and any further increase in traffic volumes would exacerbate existing problems.

2. Unsafe Access via a Narrow Rural Lane

The proposed access point is situated on a very narrow rural lane that is already hazardous. Introducing construction traffic and regular vehicle movements would substantially increase the risk of accidents.

3. Loss of High-Grade Agricultural Land

The site consists of high-quality farmland that should be protected. Developing on this land would result in the permanent loss of an important agricultural resource.

4. Combined Impact of Multiple Local Developments

This application cannot be considered in isolation. There are currently three

major developments proposed for Meopham, alongside additional proposed housing in Istead Rise and Culverstone. Collectively, these would introduce approximately 1,500 extra private vehicles, plus HGV movements.

The cumulative increase in traffic on the A227 Wrotham Road-already used as a cut-through-would be prohibitive. When combined with the expected rise in regional traffic resulting from the Lower Thames Crossing, the road network would become severely overstretched, creating unsafe and unmanageable conditions for local residents.

5. Overstretched Public Transport

Meopham's train services are already operating at capacity, with commuters frequently unable to find seats at peak times. Bus services are infrequent and limited, meaning new residents would be highly car-dependent, worsening congestion.

6. Pressure on Local Healthcare Services

The three proposed developments in Meopham together would increase the population by roughly one-third. Local GP services are already overstretched, and Darent Valley Hospital is under significant pressure. The development would further strain essential healthcare provision.

7. Gridlock During Incidents and Roadworks

When incidents occur on the M20, A2, or during frequent roadworks on the A227, traffic is regularly diverted through Meopham's narrow country lanes. These roads are wholly unsuitable for high volumes of traffic and often become gridlocked for hours. Additional development would make these situations even more severe and more frequent.

Kind regards