

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 1:26 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] plenheim close meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Planning Objection I wish to object to the proposed development for the following reasons: 1. Dangerous Access and Severe Traffic Impact The proposed access point is extremely unsafe. The development has the potential to introduce more than 700 additional cars, alongside delivery and service vehicles, into an area that already experiences significant congestion near the Wrotham Road shops. At present, it can take up to 15 minutes to exit road junctions on to Wrotham Road during peak periods. Adding hundreds of extra vehicle movements each day will create further delays, increase the risk of accidents, and worsen an already hazardous situation. 2. Inappropriate Location When Alternative Sites Exist This development would fundamentally alter the rural character of Meopham. The housing needs of the borough could be met using previously developed or more suitable sites in Gravesend-such as the former maternity hospital or land near the Lord Street car park-which have far better transport links and infrastructure. Developing high-grade farmland in Meopham is neither sustainable nor necessary. 3. Harm to the Adjacent Conservation Area
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The proposal would have a significant negative impact on the neighbouring conservation area, undermining its historic and landscape value.

4. Loss of Productive Farmland

The land is currently in active agricultural use and forms part of the local food-production landscape. Its permanent loss would be detrimental to both local character and national food-security considerations.

5. Accident Risk Around the Wrotham Road Shops

The parade of shops on Wrotham Road has already become an accident blackspot. Any increase in traffic volumes will exacerbate these risks and create further safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

6. Inadequate Public Transport and Unsafe Active Travel Options

Meopham has limited bus services, no safe cycling routes, and poorly lit and hazardous walking routes-particularly in winter. The lack of sustainable transport options makes residents heavily car-dependent, yet the existing road network is already struggling. With the construction of the Lower Thames Crossing expected to increase through-traffic on the A227, adding a large housing development will place even greater strain on local roads.

7. Impact on Village Character

The scale of the proposed development would dramatically change the rural and historic character of Meopham, contrary to local and national planning objectives that seek to protect village identity.

8. Surface Water and Flooding Concerns

Surface-water runoff and flooding along Wrotham Road have been persistent issues since at least 1988. Additional hard surfacing from the proposed development would worsen drainage problems and increase flood risk to existing homes.

9. Insufficient Local Parking and Congestion Around Schools and Shops

Parking provision in Meopham is already extremely limited, particularly around the shops, schools, and nursery. At peak times, roads become heavily congested, and queueing traffic makes junctions almost impassable. Further development will intensify these daily problems.

10. Existing Infrastructure Cannot Cope

Local infrastructure-including roads, sewerage systems, wastewater drainage, schools, nurseries, and GP practices-is already stretched beyond capacity. Additional housing would place unsustainable pressure on services that are currently unable to meet existing demand.

Kind regards