

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 1:39 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

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 on the following grounds:

1. Unsafe and Overloaded Road Network

The existing road network is already extremely busy and hazardous, particularly during peak hours and school term times. Access to and from a new estate via Longfield Road would be unsafe. Longfield Road is narrow, frequently reduced to single-track width due to residents' parking, and regularly experiences significant congestion. Heavy goods vehicles travelling to the weighbridge in Green Street Green further worsen these conditions.

Additionally, the speed limit of 50mph before the residential area contributes to persistent speeding problems.

2. Negative Impact on Hellen Allison School

Locating a large housing development close to Hellen Allison School-a specialist provision-would have a severe sensory impact on students who depend on a quiet, calm environment. The existing open fields provide a buffer that supports their wellbeing, and this would be lost.

3. Loss of High-Grade Agricultural Land

The proposed site comprises high-quality agricultural land, and development would result in the permanent loss of an important and valuable resource.

4. Flooding and Drainage Issues

Having worked at the Longfield Road primary school for nearly 20 years, I have witnessed frequent flooding outside the school during even moderate rainfall. This presents danger and disruption for both pedestrians and vehicles. Any increase in hard surfacing from the development would further worsen these longstanding drainage problems.

5. Poor Pedestrian, Cycling and Public Transport Provision

Longfield Road offers no safe cycling infrastructure, and pedestrian access is extremely difficult and unsafe, particularly due to the lack of street lighting. Public transport options are also very limited, meaning that future residents would be heavily car-dependent-placing even greater pressure on roads that already cannot cope.

6. Infrastructure Cannot Support Additional Housing

Local infrastructure is already overstretched. School places are difficult to secure, and access to GP appointments is extremely limited. Additional housing would place unsustainable pressure on already inadequate services.

7. Harm to Wildlife, Village Character, and Future Traffic Levels

The proposed development would harm local wildlife and significantly alter the rural character of the village. Furthermore, with the Lower Thames Crossing expected to increase traffic levels through the area, both Wrotham Road and Longfield Road will be unable to accommodate the additional demand. When temporary traffic lights are in place on Wrotham Road, delays of over 40 minutes to travel through the village are already common; further development would make this situation considerably worse.

Kind regards