

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 1:45 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:	Cottage Whitehill Road Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>IT'S AT A PINCH POINT This is a crazy plan. It's the very worst place you could add an extra 350 houses in the whole of Gravesend. You are potentially adding another 700 cars (at the very least) onto what is already a dreadful pinch point, with the weight of traffic already on the A227 and large amounts of traffic entering the A227 from Longfield Road and from Green Lane. Plus there's the parade of shops right opposite the main entrance to this site that generates far more traffic than is safe anyway, with cars and delivery lorries already having to exit out of a dangerous turning with limited vision in both directions.</p> <p>TRAFFIC ON WROTHAM ROAD IS ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE Far more traffic than is safe already piles onto Wrotham Road at the start and end of the school day. Southbound traffic can easily tail back to Bartellas or even Meopham Station a mile away first thing in the morning. It can take 20 minutes just to move one mile at times. You can tell instantly if there is an issue on the M25 or the A2 by the sheer weight of traffic ploughing through Meopham, as people seek to avoid the problem area. This is only going to get worse; it's already been established that the A227 will be used as even more of a rat run once the Lower Thames Crossing goes ahead. Traffic WILL increase. Having a 350-home development with access onto the A227 will only add to the congestion.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT This development is not close to any usable form of public transport so it can't be classed as sustainable development. The bus links are dreadfully poor. The</p>

service isn't even hourly and the first bus of the day doesn't reach Meopham Station until 7.15am or Gravesend until 8am so for most people this is too late for them to catch the train to work. In the evening the last bus leaves Gravesend at around 5.30, again too early for most commuters to take advantage of whether they're trying to get back from Gravesend or from Meopham Station. It's a mile from this development to Meopham Station - in my experience this is too far for most people to consider walking. Therefore people will use their car for most of their trips. That means a potential 700 cars on the road each day, more if there are adult children in the family. In my experience (and I've lived in Meopham for [REDACTED] years) children generally start driving when they're 17 because public transport is so poor/too far away.

THIS IS DANGEROUS

This proposal is situated opposite a primary school, a special needs school, a nursery and a busy parade of shops. At either side there are also two churches used throughout the day for funerals, events and services plus sheltered accommodation for older people at Chinnery Court. I can't think of a more dangerous place for the introduction of yet more cars, HGVs and congestion or a more dangerous entry/exit point. Any increase in traffic will make what I already an accident blackspot even more dangerous. You have an increased number of vehicles in this part of the A227 anyway because of the traffic that goes between Longfield Road and Green Lane. Plus you potentially have many more pedestrians than in any other part of Wrotham Road, often at the very busiest times - young children walking to school with their parents and shoppers. Added to that the part of Wrotham Road adjacent to and south of this proposed development is already used for parking ON BOTH SIDES by parents collecting children from school. So you have parked cars, a vast increase in traffic and a large number of pedestrians all in this one area that will be worst affected by this development.

THIS IS TOP-GRADE FARMLAND

This field has been farmed for decades and is prime farmland. This is not simply pasture or parkland. By developing this land you are taking away a valuable part of our food supply that we will never be able to replace. It's not simply a case of growing trees to try and outweigh the ecological impact of such a development.

IT PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON A VERY NARROW VILLAGE

Meopham is quite unique in that it's a linear village - very long and slim, with few safe and practical alternatives for diversions onto side roads, which themselves are very very narrow and barely bigger than a car width in many places. Bear in mind there are several stables in and around Meopham too and horses on these lanes are common. If there is congestion on the A227 - which there will be if this development goes ahead - vehicles will try and navigate these dangerous side roads, which is hazardous to drivers, riders, pedestrians and householders alike.

THIS COMPLETELY CHANGES THE CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE

This site is adjacent to a conservation area and opposite a park, in one of the prettiest parts of the village. It will have a negative impact on both and wreck the openness that we currently have.

There are 2,800 dwellings in Meopham. Is this and the other four developments in the pipeline go through

Kind regards