

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 2:17 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] Whitehill Road Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>THIS ACCESS POINT IS DANGEROUS</p> <p>This site for this proposal is situated next to a primary school, a special needs school, a nursery and a busy parade of shops. In the close vicinity 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 of this site onto Longfield Road - already too narrow for the weight of traffic and has cars parked on both sides, affecting visibility and the ability to pass. You have an increased number of vehicles here anyway; traffic cuts though Cobham, down Green Road and across to Longfield Road to avoid congestion on the A2. Plus you potentially have many more pedestrians than in any other parts of the village, often at the very busiest times - young children walking to school with their parents and shoppers. Added to that this part of Longfield Road is already used for parking ON BOTH SIDES by residents, people working at the schools and 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.</p> <p>THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>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 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</p>

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 240 cars turning in and out of Longfield Road each day thanks to this development, more if there are adult children in the family. Children generally start driving in Meopham when they're 17 because public transport is so poor/too far away so the effect of this in Meopham in particular (as opposed to in Gravesend say that has much better public transport) is huge.

IT'S AT A PINCH POINT

This is a crazy plan. It's one of the very worst places to add an extra 120 houses in the whole of Gravesham. You are potentially adding another 240 cars (at the very least) into what is already a dreadful pinch point, with the weight of traffic already using the A227/Longfield Road/Green Lane at this point far exceeding the capability of the roads. Plus there's the parade of shops a few metres from 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 visibility in both directions.

TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA IS ONLY GOING TO GET WORSE

Far more traffic than is safe already piles onto Longfield Road and Wrotham Road close by at the start and end of the school day. Southbound traffic on Wrotham Road can easily tail back to Bartellas or even Meopham Station a mile away first thing in the morning. This has a knock-on effect on traffic on Longfield Road. 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 and surrounding roads will be used as even more of a rat run once the Lower Thames Crossing goes ahead. Traffic WILL increase. Having a 120-home development with access onto the A227 will only add to the congestion.

THIS IS TOP-GRADE FARMLAND

This field has been farmed for decades and is prime farmland. 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. There simply is no way to offset the damage.

IT PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON A VERY NARROW VILLAGE

Meopham is a linear village - long and slim, with few safe and practical alternatives for diversions onto side roads, which themselves are barely bigger than a car width in. There are several stables too and horses on these lanes are common. If there is congestion on the A227 and Longfield Road - 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.

WRECKS THE VILLAGE CHARACTER

This site is adjacent to a conservation area and very rural part. It wrecks the openness.

Kind regards