

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 2:46 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]
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Address:	[REDACTED] London

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I object to this application in the strongest possible terms. The proposed development raises serious concerns for both the local community and the wider environment, and I do not believe it can be justified in this location. First and foremost, the site lies within designated Green Belt land, and the development goes directly against the core purposes of the Green Belt. It would result in the loss of openness, contribute to unnecessary urban sprawl, and risk the gradual merging of neighbouring settlements. This is precisely what Green Belt policy is designed to prevent. The proposal does not demonstrate the "very special circumstances" required by the National Planning Policy Framework, nor does it align with local development plans that emphasise prioritising brownfield land instead of untouched countryside. The environmental impacts are also deeply concerning. The site provides valuable wildlife habitats, supporting a range of species and biodiversity that would be irreversibly harmed by large-scale construction. The loss of high-quality agricultural land is unacceptable, especially at a time when food security and sustainable land use are increasingly important. Removing natural ground and vegetation also raises serious questions about drainage and increased flood risk. These issues are well known to become worse when agricultural land is built over. There are also significant infrastructure and safety issues that cannot be ignored.

The local road network is already strained, with narrow routes, limited visibility and congestion at peak times. Adding more vehicles would create a clear highway safety risk. Local services, including GPs, schools, drainage systems and public transport, are already operating at or beyond capacity and therefore cannot support development of this scale. This is an unsustainable location that would only increase reliance on private cars.

The proposal would also have a negative impact on the well-being and amenity of existing residents. Increased noise, light pollution, loss of privacy and a reduction in natural light are all likely outcomes. The scale, density and design of the development are out of character with the rural surroundings, harming both the landscape and the overall appearance of the area. If any heritage assets or archaeological features are present, their settings would also be placed at risk.

Overall, the development conflicts with numerous local and national planning policies and would cause permanent harm to the landscape, biodiversity, local infrastructure and the quality of life of local residents. For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to refuse this application.

Kind regards