

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 2:49 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:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I formally object to this proposal. The development presents numerous issues that would be detrimental to the local area, the environment and the wider community, and I do not believe it is appropriate for this location.</p> <p>To begin with, the land forms part of the designated Green Belt, and the proposal conflicts with the fundamental principles that protect it. The development would erode the openness of the Green Belt, contribute to the outward sprawl of built-up areas and reduce the separation between neighbouring settlements. These are all outcomes that Green Belt policy is intended to prevent. The scheme fails to demonstrate the "very special circumstances" required by the National Planning Policy Framework and does not accord with local policies which prioritise the redevelopment of brownfield land ahead of greenfield sites.</p> <p>There are also serious environmental concerns. The site supports important wildlife habitats, and development here would disrupt local biodiversity and put species at risk. The loss of productive agricultural land is another significant issue, particularly at a time when sustainable land management is crucial. Replacing permeable farmland with built development also raises potential problems with surface water drainage and could increase the risk of flooding, both on the site itself and within the surrounding area.</p> <p>Infrastructure pressures must also be considered. The existing road network is already under strain, with narrow routes, congestion and limited visibility at key</p>
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points. Additional traffic generated by this development would only worsen these conditions and create highway safety risks. Essential services such as schools, GP surgeries, drainage infrastructure and public transport are already stretched, and there is no capacity to absorb further demand. The location is not sustainable and would inevitably increase dependence on private vehicles.

Residents' living conditions and general well-being would also be affected. Issues such as noise, light pollution, loss of privacy and reduced natural light are all likely as a result of this proposal. The design, scale and density of the development are not in keeping with the rural nature of the area and would negatively alter its character. Any heritage assets or archaeological interests nearby could also be compromised by the construction and its associated impacts.

In summary, the proposal conflicts with a number of local and national policies and would have lasting negative effects on the landscape, local wildlife, infrastructure capacity and the day-to-day quality of life for existing residents. For all these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to refuse permission for this application.

Kind regards