

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 3:07 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

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| 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

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| Name: | [REDACTED] |
| Email: | [REDACTED] |
| Address: | [REDACTED] Wrotham Road Gravesend |

Comments Details

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| Commenter Type: | Member of the Public |
| Stance: | Customer objects to the Planning Application |

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am writing to formally object to the above planning application due to a number of serious concerns relating to safety, infrastructure capacity, environmental impact and the wellbeing of vulnerable pupils.

Impact on Helen Allison School and Vulnerable Pupils

The proposed development is situated immediately adjacent to Helen Allison School, a Special Educational Needs school that depends upon a calm, low-stimulus environment to support the safety, wellbeing and learning of its pupils. The construction phase alone would introduce prolonged noise, vibration, intensive heavy vehicle movements and general disturbance, all of which would be deeply unsettling for children with heightened sensory sensitivity. Beyond construction, the lasting increase in traffic, noise and general activity would fundamentally undermine the quiet environment that is essential for these pupils. The scale and nature of this impact has not been given sufficient weight in the application and should be regarded as a critical material consideration.

Inadequate Road Capacity and Network Constraints

Longfield Road is already operating beyond what can reasonably be considered a safe or suitable capacity. Congestion, conflicting vehicle movements and severely limited visibility are already common features. The introduction of a new housing estate access into this constrained environment would significantly increase the likelihood of accidents and near-miss incidents, placing unacceptable strain on an already unsuitable road network.

Unsafe Access and Escalating Traffic Danger

The development would provide access for 120 dwellings, generating at least 240 additional private vehicles, alongside refuse, delivery and servicing traffic. Longfield Road is exceptionally narrow, heavily constrained and demonstrably unsuited to accommodate this level of additional movement. Conditions deteriorate further during school opening and closing periods, when parked vehicles severely restrict both road width and sight lines.

In addition, the road is regularly used by heavy vehicles travelling to and from the Green Street Green weighbridge, compounding the existing danger. Although subject to a 50mph speed limit, vehicle speeds often remain high as traffic enters the village, placing pedestrians, school users and residents at continuous risk.

Loss of Productive Agricultural Land

The application site comprises high-quality agricultural land that has been actively farmed for generations and continues to make a meaningful contribution to food production. Its permanent loss for housing development conflicts directly with national objectives on sustainability, food security and long-term land stewardship.

Taken together, these issues demonstrate that the proposed development would create an unacceptable threat to highway safety, place intolerable pressure on an already constrained road network, seriously harm the wellbeing of vulnerable school pupils, and result in the irreversible loss of valuable agricultural land.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that planning permission is refused.

Kind regards