

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 21/03/2026 3:46 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Norwood Lane, Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	A227

Although this road is an 'A' road, it is basically a 'single lane carriageway' format and has no leeway for overtaking. Whenever there is an accident, flooding or roadworks (of which there are many of all three quite regularly), the road is reduced to a standstill with huge tailbacks and the surrounding lanes become gridlocked. At peak times, 7.30am - 9.30pm, 2.45pm - 3.45pm and 5.00pm - 6.30pm, the A227 itself (plus roads leading onto it from the outlying villages) is extremely busy and moving around the village at these times is very difficult for everyone.

Infrastructure

The local doctors and schools are full to capacity. Doctors appointments are difficult to book and the schools, being of a good standard, are popular and under pressure. Children come into Meopham from the outlying areas to attend the Secondary School and most likely the Primary too.

The 'sweetener' of building a new primary school is all very well but the Secondary School in the village is at capacity. The traffic problems with 'school run' times is heightened because the public transport bus service really isn't fit for purpose. Our buses are very restricted with no Sunday service at all. For most

residents, the car is the most convenient form of transport, especially for those working unsociable hours.

Green Lane is the main thoroughfare for children coming into Meopham from Sole Street and Cobham. Although Cobham has a village school, older children come to Meopham Secondary. The junction at the A227 at peak times is horrendous, especially pulling out to travel to the A2/Gravesend. Traffic tails back past Norwood Lane now at peak times; the proposed new roundabout will simply become gridlocked and will not ease the situation at all.

Traffic leaving the new housing estate will either join the queue going towards the A227 if going to Meopham Secondary, the M20 or Londonbound A2. Traffic going to the Medway towns/coastbound A2 will turn left through Sole St, Jeskyn's Rd or through Cobham - all country lanes!

Our local hospital at Darenth Valley is struggling to cope with the numbers using its services now. With the local housing applications being put forward, plus those in neighbouring boroughs, I cannot see how it will cope in the future. Attending, outpatients appointments or visiting relatives is a feat in itself, with queues for on site parking long, causing lateness or even missing an appointment.

Environment

Fields help to soak up surface water, if we build on them - where will the water go? The village already suffers from flooding when we get heavy rainfall, it will only get worse - adding to the road problems already mentioned. Our wildlife is already in danger of being squeezed out, due to loss of habitat and more and more development. It's no compensation to offer 'green spaces' within a development, when the green space is THERE already and being torn up for housing that isn't NEEDED. The pollution caused by adding several thousand more cars into the village is huge, as is light pollution and loss of green spaces.

With Gravesham Borough Council declaring a Climate Change Emergency, how can Carbon Neutral Status be achieved with so much development in the Borough?

Green Belt

The green belt is supposed to protect our countryside from overdevelopment and from the merging of towns and villages. This site is still classed as green belt and as such, should be protecting our village and beautiful countryside from being lost forever. The public footpath across the field is well used by walkers/runners and dog walkers. It IS NOT included in the draft local plan, as it is clearly 'a buffer' between Meopham and the hamlet of Sole Street (part of Cobham). The character of the whole village is at risk and if we start tearing up our fields, which are currently used for agriculture...we can never get this back.

With this proposed development, of 725 houses/flats, added to the other applications for the area, it now totals over 1500+ houses. These houses will be mostly high end properties, attracting an expensive sale price, with very few aimed at the lower rungs of the housing ladder. Even this's labelled 'affordable housing' will be out of reach for our young people. These are not NEEDED but WANTED by developers, who are too lazy and greedy to find and use brownfield sites. Sadly, it's cheaper and easier to develop green belt.

My objections are:-

Existing traffic problems will only increase, adding more pollution to the air. The whole area, but particularly the main thoroughfare, will be more dangerous with more cars pulling out onto the A227.

Roads already flood, this will be made worse with loss of fields.
Doctors full and schools already under pressure.
Public transport totally inadequate.
Loss of green spaces and a danger to and loss of wildlife.
Loss of character of the village.
Loss of green belt and setting a dangerous precedent, opening up more areas to development.

Kind regards