

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 5:55 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] Round Street Cobham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Planning Application Reference: 20260207
Site: Land at Norwood Lane / Camer Road, Gravesham

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the above outline planning application.

My objection is based on the following planning grounds:

1. Inappropriate Development in the Green Belt

The proposed development site is designated Green Belt land. National planning policy is clear that development in the Green Belt is inappropriate except in very special circumstances. No such circumstances have been demonstrated in this case. The scale of this proposal-up to 725 dwellings-would cause significant and irreversible harm to the openness and purpose of the Green Belt, including preventing urban sprawl and safeguarding the countryside.

2. Conflict with the Local Plan

This site is not allocated for development within the emerging Local Plan. Approving this application would undermine the plan-led system and set a concerning precedent for speculative development on unallocated Green Belt

land.

3. Harm to Biodiversity and Wildlife

The site includes valuable agricultural land and biodiverse woodland, including Blundells Shaw, supporting a wide range of wildlife such as birds of prey, bats, badgers, barn owls, and other protected species. The development would result in habitat loss, fragmentation, and disturbance from noise, lighting, and increased human activity. The ecological harm would be significant and cannot be adequately mitigated.

4. Impact on Local Character and Landscape

The development would erode the distinct rural character of the area and risk coalescence between settlements such as Sole Street and Hook Green. This would fundamentally change the nature of the local community and surrounding countryside.

5. Infrastructure and Services Under Pressure

Local infrastructure is already under strain. GP surgeries in Meopham and Istead Rise are operating at capacity. Schools, roads, and other essential services are similarly stretched. The addition of a development of this size would exacerbate these issues without clear, deliverable solutions.

6. Highways and Safety Concerns

The proposed access arrangements via Camer Road and Norwood Lane raise serious concerns regarding traffic congestion, road safety, and access for emergency vehicles. A development of this scale could generate a substantial increase in traffic, which local roads are not equipped to accommodate.

7. Flood Risk and Environmental Impact

The loss of open fields, which currently act as natural drainage and flood mitigation, could increase the risk of surface water flooding in surrounding areas. Additionally, increased pollution and light intrusion would further harm the local environment.

8. Cumulative Impact

This proposal must be considered alongside other developments in the area. The cumulative effect would place unsustainable pressure on infrastructure, services, and the environment.

Personal Statement

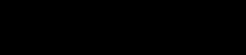
I moved to this area nearly six years ago because of its countryside, open space, and the wildlife it supports. This is what makes the area special-not just to me, but to many residents who have chosen to live here for that very reason.

To see this landscape significantly altered and the natural environment diminished would take away the very qualities that define this community and why people choose to live here. Once this countryside is lost, it cannot be replaced.

In summary, this proposal represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt, conflicts with local planning policy, and would cause significant harm to the environment, infrastructure, and character of the area.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this application be refused.

Yours faithfully,



Kind regards