

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/11/2025 6:09 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] Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Green Belt

Meopham has existed since 788 AD. It contains four conservation areas and is located on the edge of an ANOB. Meopham is an excellent example of why green belt planning restrictions were implemented and there is no evidence nor any justification of 'exceptional circumstances' that should justify the free reign of developments such as this and those like it that will decimate the unique character, culture and way of life of its residents forever. The unique lineal settlement along a main road through countryside means that the population of this village is spread along the longest village in England. This unique settlement would not support nucleuses and sprawls as the facilities are spread south to north. It may also lose its village status and become just another 'town' along a main road.

The green belts act as a carbon sump for the heavy traffic that passes through between the busy A2 and M20 roads. It acts as drainage and preserves historical significance and its heritage by preventing urban sprawl. In 2021 Gravesham conducted a study into the effects of development in Meopham and highlighted areas that would cause most and least adverse effect on the distinction and unique character of the village. This development and those like it fall within some of the areas highlighted that would impact the village's character most of all.

Infrastructure

The A227 is at capacity during peak times. So much so that the surrounding lanes become flooded with through traffic. 5 years ago the secondary school increased its intake without this as consideration, so much so that roads like mine (a lane used as a shortcut) come to a standstill as cars are unable to pass with cars and vans travelling to the school or through the village try to avoid the A227 traffic. Increasing the population in the village with new developments without significant (and impossible) infrastructure development will dramatically add to the problem. The road I live on is a popular walking route at the weekend,

however during busy periods such as rush hours I am unable to walk my children to school along the road and it can take 25 minutes in the car to get half a mile to the school. The area is becoming dangerous because of the traffic, dangerous to walking school children, cyclists and other road users. To add to this the A227 is already set to receive a sizeable increase in traffic when the new lower Thames crossing is completed. This is already approved by the government without any suggestion of solutions.

Animal habitats

The area is an exceptional haven for wildlife trying to stay away from urbanisation. With first hand sighting of birds of prey such as barn owls in the wooded area to the east of St John's church. Recently returned Red kites are often seen in the Summer over the fields of Camer Park and the remaining farmland on the opposite side of Camer park road. These development sites are habitats and hunting grounds for these amazing animals.

It is important to preserve our natural environment for sustainable & ecological reasons, for our wildlife and avoid more light and air pollution. These habitats will be lost forever to greed and the opportunistic abuse of revised planning laws, that that simply are not intended nor justified in this unique village.

Kind regards