

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 8:36 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Downs Road Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposals for substantial new housing developments in the villages of Gravesham. These areas have long been recognised as having limited infrastructure and utilities, and past planning applications for far smaller sites have been rejected on precisely these grounds. It is therefore difficult to understand how much larger developments can now be considered sustainable. What has changed?

Road capacity is already stretched. Congestion is a daily issue, and the A2 frequently comes to a standstill with villages such as Istead Rise used as a 'rat run' . I am not aware of any comprehensive research demonstrating that the local road network, or wider transport infrastructure, can accommodate the significant increase in traffic that these developments would bring. Accident levels and current delays should form a central part of any capacity assessment. I would like to think this data exists but then that would surely inform housing development proposals, so maybe not!

It is also deeply worrying that Green Belt land is being presented as an option for developers compared with brownfield sites. This contradicts long-standing principles intended to protect natural landscapes, prevent over-development, and maintain the character of our villages. To now present some areas which were once Green Belt as Grey Belt is disingenuous. Meanwhile, derelict or underused sites in Gravesend town centre have remained undeveloped for decades due to bureaucracy and viability challenges. These should be prioritised before any consideration is given to building over areas of natural beauty or valuable habitat. The old maternity hospital is a case in point!

The continued marketing of new homes to buyers outside the local area raises serious questions about who these developments are really intended for. I have personally received promotional material inviting me to move to Kent - I already live locally - from developers with established property portfolios who promote

'strong transport links' that Gravesham residents know simply do not exist. These are the same developers now applying for planning permission on our Green Belt. How can this possibly be seen as meeting the housing needs of existing local residents?

The cumulative impact of these proposals will compromise the quality of life for those already living in our villages, as well as those who might move into the new developments. Loss of green space, strain on public services, increased pollution, and erosion of community identity are just some of the consequences we can expect. The list is extensive, and the effects are irreversible.

It is difficult to justify why development is being pushed into rural, environmentally sensitive areas while perfectly suitable urban sites remain untouched and neglected. This is unfair to current and future residents of Gravesham. There is certainly a need for more housing, but what is currently proposed feels knee-jerk and poorly considered.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

With kind regards,



Kind regards