

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/12/2025 11:49 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

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| Address: | Land West Of Norwood Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0YE |
| Proposal: | Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a development of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class C3), including affordable dwellings, and associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure works. |
| Case Officer: | Mrs Alison Webster |

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Customer Details

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| Name: | [REDACTED] |
| Email: | [REDACTED] |
| Address: | [REDACTED] |

Comments Details

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| Commenter Type: | Member of the Public |
| Stance: | Customer objects to the Planning Application |
| Reasons for comment: | |
| Comments: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The proposal for 150 dwellings would generate an estimated 300 additional private vehicles, as well as regular delivery and service traffic. This represents a significant increase in vehicular movements on a very narrow rural lane not designed to accommodate such volumes.- The proposed access arrangement creates an unacceptable highway safety risk, given the restricted width, limited visibility, and the rural character of the lane.- The site comprises high-quality, productive agricultural land. Its loss would reduce local food-production capacity and increase reliance on imported produce, contrary to sustainable development principles. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The cumulative impact of all three developments-along with the proposed Blackthorn Farm scheme (100 dwellings)-must be assessed comprehensively. Evaluating them in isolation would significantly underestimate the overall harm.- The site forms part of the designated Green Belt, and there has been no formal release or exceptional circumstances demonstrated to justify its removal.- Combined, the developments are likely to generate approximately 1,440 additional daily vehicle movements on the A227, which already functions as the main access route to and from Meopham.- The A227 is frequently used as a cut-through by both cars and HGVs, despite its narrowness and limited pavements. It routinely becomes congested or gridlocked when incidents occur on nearby strategic roads. Additional traffic would exacerbate these existing issues. |

- Local side roads are insufficient in capacity, width, and design to accommodate diversion traffic during incidents or roadworks.
- The forthcoming Lower Thames Crossing is anticipated to further increase traffic pressure on the A227 corridor, compounding existing congestion.
- Rail services from Meopham and Sole Street are already over capacity at peak times, with passengers routinely standing for entire journeys. Bus services are limited and unreliable, providing no realistic alternative to private car use.
- The cumulative developments would increase the population of Meopham by up to one-third, placing unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure.
- GP surgeries and NHS services in the area are already over capacity, and the proposed developments would significantly worsen service availability for existing residents.

Kind regards