

**Subject: Objection to Planning Application for 100 Houses at Blackthorn, A227, Culverstone**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed development of 100 houses at the site known as Blackthorn on the A227 in Culverstone.

This is a rural area where local amenities and infrastructure are already under severe strain. The addition of 100 more homes would be unsustainable and detrimental to the existing community.

**Water Supply:**

I live on [REDACTED] in Meopham, just behind Culverstone, and both I and my neighbours are experiencing serious problems with our water supply. A Southern Water engineer who visited the area confirmed that the issue is caused by the sheer number of properties already connected to a system which cannot cope with current demand. I have had to install two pumps to get any water at all, but even with these, the supply remains inadequate. Adding another 100 households will only make the situation far worse.

**Flooding and Drainage:**

There is also no proper infrastructure for dealing with rainwater. During the excessive rainfall in 2019, this area flooded badly. At the bottom of Heron Hill, a driver nearly drowned due to the floodwater. Nothing has been done to address this issue, and a development of this size would significantly increase the risk of flooding by adding to surface water run-off.

**Traffic Impact:**

Traffic on the A227 is already very heavy, and the addition of vehicles from 100 new homes will worsen congestion, create more road safety hazards, and further degrade air quality.

For these reasons, I strongly object to this application and urge the council to refuse permission. This development would place an unacceptable burden on already overstretched infrastructure, cause further hardship for existing residents, and increase risks to health and safety.

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