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Application Reference: 20260207		Case Officer: Mrs Katherine Parkin	
Location:	Land at Norwood Lane, Meopham		
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1)		
I am:	Member of the Public (Age 18 or above) ☒	Other:	
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I have the following comments on planning application number 20260207 :

This proposal of 725 dwellings near Norwood Lane Meopham directly contradicts the fundamental purpose of Greenbelt policy. Specifically it fails to prevent urban sprawl, as the development would cause the distinct villages of Sole Street and Hook Green to merge. This site does not meet the definition of Greenbelt and has notably been excluded from the Gravesham Borough Council's draft local plan. By attempting to develop land that the Council has not designated as suitable this project threatens to shatter the unique character of our rural communities. Everyone benefits from these wide open spaces from the food we eat to the birds and bees. These spaces surrounding our villages is our legacy to our children and our children's children. 725 new dwellings put in an area where many amenities are already overstretched will decrease the quality of life for everyone in the community. This will have profound fundamental impact on infrastructure for each and every person living in the villages. Medical services (GP, dentist, hospitals) will have much longer waiting times both Meopham and instead rise as practices are at full capacity. Schools will be overcrowded which will cause allocation issues. Our broadband infrastructure is currently insufficient so having more dwellings will definitely impact on this more. Then we come to our roads the extra impact this will have on the A227, A226, A2 will be huge!! The A227 is currently very busy and can take over 25 minutes to get from Newell Place shops to Meopham secondary school in the mornings. Parking at the Camer parade shops is already bad and parking at a surgery, library can be difficult. The extra impact this will bring to waste collections water supply and sewage is unprecedented. There are many other businesses this will affect

Signed: [REDACTED]

Comments continued overleaf

