

Please post to: Katherine Parkin, Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (stamp required)
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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:	
My Title & Full Name:		[REDACTED]	
My address & postcode:	[REDACTED] Nursery Road Meopham Kent DA13 0NF		

I have the following comments on planning application number 20260207 :

The land is currently designated as green belt + forms a valuable natural break between Holc Green + Sole Street. Joining the 2 villages together would spoil the character of the area + lead to loss of valuable agricultural land which is vital for our food supply. The open fields currently capture rainwater + carbon + this helps the environment by controlling flooding which is often an issue on our local roads. The development will cause irreparable damage to the natural habitat enjoyed by residents + wildlife including owls, bats + badgers, + cause significant air, noise + light pollution. We already suffer with frequent power outages (latest on 12.3.26) + the increased demand would exacerbate this. There could also be a strain on the local water supply.

Traffic in the area has increased markedly in recent years, notably on the A227 + the addition of 725 homes would add to this. Blocking Norwood Lane would force traffic to reroute to the A227. The air pollution caused by an extra 1500 plus cars belonging to residents, buses + extra vehicles which would be involved in making deliveries or providing other services would be significant + the health + safety of local residents, many of whom are elderly or children would be put at risk.

The GP practices at Meopham + Istead Rise are already at full capacity + would be unable to cope with the increased number of patients + our local hospital is already crumbling under the pressure of the increasing population in the area.

Our local schools have already had to be extended in recent years to cope with the growing number of young people in the area + a development of this size would put further pressure on their education. And the proposed school building marked on the plan would not be of any use unless it is fully staffed by qualified teachers. And where would they go once they reach age 11?

Signed: [REDACTED]

Comments continued overleaf

