

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/09/2025 10:44 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>This development would be an absolute disaster for Meopham, Culverstone and other villages situated along the A227 for a number of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The A227 is an extremely busy road which runs from the M20 to the A2. It cannot cope with the current volume of traffic let alone the additional traffic (200+ cars) generated by 100 houses. Those houses would all need to have cars which would use the A227 due to the poor public transport offering in the area. At the current traffic volumes the A227 gets clogged up during morning rush hour and if there is a problem on the surrounding roads - it can take a long time to turn right onto the A227 during such times. The problem is made worse by the regular roadworks on the A227. If the road is closed, traffic has no option but to seek alternative routes through single track country lanes leading to gridlock in the area. The road simply cannot cope with such a significant increase in cars.2. The traffic volumes described above also cause considerable air pollution, a problem which will be made all the worse by the additional traffic.3. The site has not previously been developed and so does not meet the criteria for "grey belt". If developments such as this one are approved, villages will become towns and will merge into neighbouring villages. This goes against the whole purpose of greenbelt. Indeed it is surprising that such developments in the countryside are being proposed when there is plenty of brownfield sites in Gravesend (e.g. the old maternity hospital). Why are we developing greenbelt land when there are brownfield sites that could be built on in the Centre of Gravesend with much more suitable transport connections?4. The proposals go against the most recent Government National Planning Policy Framework: Para 116 - impact on road networks would be severe - see above comments on the increase in traffic along the A227 Para 198 - developments should be appropriate to location, pollution (affecting health) living conditions and the natural environment, sensitivity to wider area, light pollution - see above comments on the impact on pollution and the green
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belt/grey belt designation

Para 156 - release from greenbelt, affordable housing must be included. The proposal is to put housing, presumable including affordable housing in the middle of a village, several miles from the nearest train station and other infrastructure. One would question how such people would move about with little to no bus service to the local train station or Gravesend.

5. A development of 100 houses would have a significant impact on the local wildlife. There are many protected species on that site including bats and lots of birds. They cannot be protected in the event that this development is allowed to go ahead.

Kind regards