

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/12/2025 5:37 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

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

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I wish to submit an objection to Planning application Ref.20250992:</p> <p>1) The application for 350 new homes on this site would equate to potentially 700 or more cars/vehicles plus delivery and service vehicles and these will all be accessing the site via the A227 Wrotham road. Apart from this being a nightmare for all road users in the new estate and on the A227, it would also be considerably dangerous. The positioning of the access road to the new estate appears to be located near to the junction of A227 and Green Lane, this would put vehicle entering or exiting the estate in direct conflict with other road users from the houses on the other side of the A227 and to the estate road users. Also it will conflict with vehicles entering and exiting the Parade of shops (which is already considered to be an accident black spot) and of course other car/van and lorry users on the A227.</p> <p>Anybody that uses any of the side roads that exit onto the A227 will know that it can be a complete nightmare negotiating the peak traffic times onto the A227.</p> <p>2) The proposed position for the Emergency road between Meopham Court and the Parade of shops would be logistical nightmare for the larger emergency vehicles trying to exit onto what is at times a heavily congested A227 and particularly at drop off and pick up times for the Meopham Community Academy and the Mini Meophams Nursery particularly as cars are parked down one side of the road making it very difficult for cars, lorries and school buses to negotiate this stretch of road and it would be conceivable that larger emergency vehicles wanting to turn into or exit the emergency road would not have sufficient room to turn.</p>
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3) The A227 Wrotham road was never intended to accommodate an ever increasing population and their vehicles in Meopham
Some sections of the road such as adjacent to the George Inn are very narrow and as such make it difficult for some larger vehicles to pass. The addition of the island opposite the parade has also resulted in narrow lanes which would be difficult for cyclist and cars to negotiate with the addition of vehicles waiting to turn right into the new 350 home housing estate.

4) This proposed site is currently designated as Greenbelt and as such is large high grade farmland and extremely important for food production which in turn reduces the need to import food from overseas.

5) Concreting over a large area of farmland can only result in an increase in water run off which will contribute to increased flooding in other areas of Meopham.

6) A development of this size with the addition street lights etc will lead to increased light pollution.

7) The removal of trees and hedges etc will have a detrimental effect on the wildlife at a time when the Government is encouraging farmers to 're-wild' their land.

8) The local GP surgery is ill equipped for a sizeable influx of residents such as this proposed development.

It is a known fact that Darent Hospital is at breaking point and struggling with insufficient numbers of beds with patients frequently laying in corridors, so much so that the corridor beds are now numbered, possibly indicating their permanence.

In Conclusion to the above:-

The local bus service is virtually non-existent and this only necessitates more people to take to their cars which in turn will increase the volume of traffic on the A227.

The train service at rush hour time is insufficient with standing room only for people's daily commute to work etc.

It is debatable whether the various schools in the village would be able to accommodate the extra children coming into the village and this would mean more traffic on the roads transporting them to schools elsewhere.

I would question whether there is sufficient capacity of water supply to support extra large scale developments in the village.

I struggle to understand why it should be necessary to concrete over high grade agricultural land which contributes to food production for the country at a time when we should be increasing our food security, not reducing it and thus requiring the import of more food products from overseas (thus more pollution to the environment).

When considering this application and other application then the effect of increased traffic caused by the Lower Thames Crossing should also be considered, not least because the probability that the A227 will be used as a 'Rat Run' for cars and lorries etc. to cut through to the Lower Thames crossing.

Meopham has always been and should always remain a village and retain its high grade agricultural Green belt status, especially when there is what appears to be a considerable amount of brown site plots in the area which could provide a considerable amount of housing without the need to decimate valuable farmland. All of the above comments should be taken into consideration to include other planning applications proposed or to be proposed for Meopham to understand the severe harm it will do to Meopham as a village.

Kind regards