

I live in Norwood Lane which borders on the site. There are 70 houses in Norwood Lane and the proposal is to build over 10 times this number alongside the lane on the adjoining fields. To call it an obscenity is an understatement. Somehow 725 dwellings will be squeezed in with the public spaces, school, recreation facilities, etc. Housing estates should not be thrust upon Meopham. Small new developments blend in and help to keep its character as a village, despite its expansion over the years.

This planning application together with the other two already submitted will be the death knell for Meopham as a village. If this proposal is given the go ahead no one will benefit, not even the new people who will be persuaded to buy a property on the site. Meopham will no longer be a pleasant place to live for both new and old residents for some reasons that come to mind:

1. The site proposed is productive farm land and food production should be a priority.
2. There will be a huge increase in residents, together with their cars.
3. Main roads around here are barely adequate for the number of vehicles that use them.
4. High rainfall which is a regular occurrence during the winter months will be a problem when the fields are built over to the extent proposed.
5. Public transport, both buses and trains will have to make huge increases to their services.
6. At the moment there is no proposed access/egress to the site and it is hard to see how roads can be created which will be safe or sensible for this purpose.

I appeal to those people who will be making decisions of great importance on the future of Meopham to refuse this application.



