

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/03/2026 5:53 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Tradescant Drive Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Objection to Planning Application 20260207 Loss of Green Belt and Rural Character I strongly object to this application due to the development being located on Green Belt land. The fundamental purpose of Green Belt designation is to prevent urban sprawl and protect the rural character of villages such as Meopham. Development of this scale would permanently urbanise open countryside and fundamentally change the character of the area. Meopham and Sole Street would end up practically joined. The scale of the proposed development is entirely out of keeping with the surrounding rural environment and would represent a significant and irreversible loss of countryside. The Parish Council has previously stated that development affecting Green Belt must be justified, evidence-based and supported by adequate infrastructure, which this proposal clearly fails to demonstrate. This proposal appears to be speculative large-scale development rather than development that meets the specific needs of the local community. Inadequate Infrastructure and Services
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The existing infrastructure in Meopham and surrounding areas is already under significant pressure. Local services including roads, schools, GP surgeries, and hospitals are already operating at or beyond capacity. Local GP surgeries have already indicated that they have no additional capacity for new patients. Adding hundreds of new homes and potentially thousands of new residents without substantial investment in healthcare infrastructure is unsustainable and would negatively impact existing residents' access to medical care. Hospitals are already under pressure.

Traffic Congestion and Road Safety

I fear the proposed development would generate a significant increase in traffic movements in and around Meopham. Even just recently there was yet another crash outside the parade. The local road network, including rural roads and key junctions, already experiences congestion, particularly at peak times.

An additional development of over 700 houses could mean over 1,000 additional vehicles, which would lead to:

- Increased congestion
- Longer journey times
- Increased accident risk on rural roads
- Increased air pollution
- Increased noise pollution

The road infrastructure in the area is not designed to support this level of additional traffic.

Environmental Impact and Wildlife

The site and surrounding countryside support a wide range of wildlife. Residents have observed birds of prey and rare songbirds in the area, as well as badgers, indicating the presence of protected species and established wildlife habitats.

Development of this scale would result in:

- Loss of habitat
- Disturbance to wildlife
- Fragmentation of ecological corridors
- Increased light and noise pollution affecting wildlife

This environmental impact must be properly assessed and should be a major consideration when determining this application.

Impact on Quality of Life for Existing Residents

This development would have a severe negative impact on the quality of life of existing residents, including:

- Increased traffic and noise
- Loss of countryside and open views
- Increased pressure on schools and healthcare
- Increased pollution
- Construction disruption lasting years
- Overdevelopment of a rural village

Meopham would no longer be the village it is known as.

Scale of Development Is Unsustainable

A development of over 700 houses represents a massive expansion of the village and is not proportional or sustainable. Large developments should be located where infrastructure already exists, not in rural villages where infrastructure is already stretched beyond capacity.

Even with a proposed school and open space, the wider infrastructure (roads, healthcare, public transport, utilities) is not adequate to support such a large increase in population. I am quite disgusted that the planners even have the audacity to claim there would be no significant negative impacts as a result of this development and that there are things like enough GP spaces.

Kind regards