



Meopham

Gravesend

Kent

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REF. Outline Planning Application 20260207

Dear Planning Officer Gravesham Borough Council.

I strongly oppose the planning application 20260207 for yet more houses on Green Belt Land. This has always been Green Belt Land used for the production of food, which is much needed with an increasing population.

The farmland and woodlands are natural habitats for wildlife. Bees, birds including Skylarks (ground nesters), Buzzards, Owls, Woodpeckers and many more. Also Badgers, Foxes, Voles etc.

Once this land is concreted over it can never be reversed and this ancient ecosystem is lost forever.

These fields capture water reducing flooding which is a major issue on Norwood Lane and Wrotham Road. Open land acts a carbon sump, the best way to sequester carbon.

The proposed houses are NOT being built for those that need them but for greedy property developers to make as much money as possible. People likely to buy these houses already have homes and just want to move to somewhere more rural. How about what existing residents want? We paid more for our house compared to a house of the same size in town because of its rural location and nice views. Is it fair that our house should be devalued.

Meopham will no longer be a pleasant semi rural place to live but a vast urban housing estate without the infrastructure to support it. Meopham and Istead Rise G.P. Practices are already at full capacity and the nearest hospital at Darent Valley is already finding it hard to cope with long waits for appointments and operations. A & E is becoming worse for waiting times.

The A227 is already very busy (traffic increase could be around 1500 extra cars). The A2 is also very busy. The bus service in the area is poor.

Water and sewage systems are already a problem and will not be able to cope with the additional load. Water leaks are frequent.

The electricity system cannot cope now without any additional load. As a resident of Meopham I have personal experience of regular power cuts and occasions when generators have had to be used to maintain the supply.

Please stop these greedy property developers before every last green field disappears under a vast urban sprawl.

