Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/03/2026 5:45 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]Astra Drive Gravesend Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 725 new houses in Meopham. Meopham is part of the rural escape that we need from our town. It along with our other villages (Istead Rise, Cobham, Shorne etc) are part of the green belt (green lung) that we NEED to go to, to walk, breathe, relax, cycle, jog, run walk the dogs and just escape. Not to mention the locally produced food crops as well as cows, sheep, horses and our lovely but declining wildlife. The scale of this development is disproportionate to the size and character of the village and would represent a significant and harmful change to its rural identity. Meopham is a historic rural settlement, and a development of this magnitude would result in the urbanisation of the countryside and erode the character that defines the village. Local infrastructure is already under pressure and there is little evidence that it can sustainably support such a large increase in population. Local roads regularly experience congestion and delays & flooding, and the additional traffic generated by hundreds of new homes would significantly worsen these issues. Many of the roads in and around the village are narrow rural routes that are not designed to accommodate such substantial increases in traffic, raising further concerns about road safety for both motorists and pedestrians.

There are also serious concerns regarding the capacity of local services. Schools, healthcare facilities, and other community services are already heavily used, and the proposal does not clearly demonstrate how these essential services would be expanded to meet the needs of a development of this scale & would likely not be implemented anyway.

In addition, the loss of green space and countryside would have a negative impact on the local environment, biodiversity, and the overall landscape setting of the village. Developments of this size risk fragmenting habitats and diminishing the rural environment that residents value.

Sustainability is another key concern. Meopham has limited public transport and local employment opportunities relative to the scale of the proposed housing, meaning future residents would likely be heavily reliant on private cars. This runs counter to sustainable development principles and would contribute to increased traffic and environmental impacts.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the planning authority refuses this application. The proposed development is excessive in scale, places unacceptable pressure on local infrastructure and services, harms the rural character of the village, and does not represent sustainable development.

Thank you for considering this objection.

Kind regards