

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/12/2025 8:24 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Pitfield Drive Meopham Kent Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Formal objection to the above planning application for residential development on designated Green Belt land. My objection is based on material planning considerations including highway safety, the amenity and safeguarding of vulnerable children, loss of high-grade agricultural land, and the cumulative impacts of congestion and vehicle speeds along Longfield Road. Dangerous access to 120 houses - the proposed development will significantly increase the traffic volume, introducing up to 240 additional cars alongside frequent delivery and service vehicles. This surge in traffic poses a serious safety risk, particularly on roads not designed for such capacity such as this one. Increased congestion will heighten the likelihood of accidents and create hazardous conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and existing residents. The Helen Allison School is a specialist special educational needs school where pupils are highly sensitive to environmental changes. The construction and subsequent activity from this development will cause alarm, stress, and sensory overload for vulnerable children. The school relies on a calm, low-noise environment to support learning and wellbeing. Disruption from building works, increased traffic, and ongoing noise will negatively impact the mental health and educational outcomes of these pupils. This land is classified as high grade agricultural soil, essential for sustainable food production. Its historical use for farming underscores its value to local and

national food security. Converting such land for housing undermines long term agricultural viability and contradicts policies aimed at protecting productive farmland.

Longfield Road already experiences severe congestion during peak school hours. With cars parked on both sides, the road becomes effectively single-lane, creating bottlenecks and delays. Adding substantial new traffic from the development will exacerbate these issues, making the road unsafe and impractical for current and future users.

Again, the A227 through Meopham already experiences heavy traffic at peak school times, forcing drivers to cut through Longfield Road; the continuous traffic lights add further delays, and with additional properties and vehicles, these issues will be significantly worsened.

The road currently accommodates frequent heavy goods vehicles travelling to the weighbridge, which already strains its capacity. Introducing additional residential traffic will increase conflict between large commercial vehicles and private cars, heightening risks of accidents and road damage.

The existing 50mph speed limit is inappropriate for a road serving residential properties and schools. Drivers often maintain this speed into Meopham, creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians and schoolchildren. Increased traffic from the development will amplify these risks, making speed enforcement and road safety even more challenging.

Kind regards