

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/12/2025 10:11 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Poplar Walk Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

This development would change the character of the area. Meopham is a village and should stay a village. This means preventing the urban sprawl and keeping and protecting its character.

It also means protecting the surrounding countryside, farming fields and the nature that lives within it should be a priority for those already living in the area. This land is currently used and farmed, providing produce.

With mental health in this country declining (see Mind's report 2025) we need to protect the areas that support mental health - green spaces. There has been so much research on how green spaces support mental health and removing them is detrimental to locals and visitors.

Transport - local public transport is sparse. Buses are infrequent and not relied upon - existing residents mostly use cars to get about. The train station is used by those that commute, but can be crowded with standing room only. Unless there was investment in public transport, there would be another 700 cars on the road on narrow country lanes (allowing for 2 cars per household average).

Healthcare - it's well known that access to healthcare is reduced due to patient loads for GP surgeries and the local hospital (Darent Valley). Taking the "average 2.4" family, this could mean an extra 1400 people on this development alone.

This development is adjacent to Camer Parade, and the possible impact of extra cars and residents in this area brings a risk of causing accidents at a well known blackspot. At school pick up and drop off times this development could cause real distress to the children and their carers at Meopham Community Academy opposite the development, due to increase in cars. Carers collecting/dropping off

children park half on the road and half pavement along the Wrotham Road, leading to congestion with a pinch point further up by the George Inn due to the nature of historic buildings and narrow lanes.
With two other planning applications being considered for the surrounding area, this means approx 620 houses with a huge increase in traffic (approx 1240 cars within 1/2 sq.km) and severe impact on local amenities for residents already in the village (approx 2400 people to live in the three new proposed developments).

Kind regards