

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/03/2026 9:44 PM 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] Newlands Lane Newlands Lane Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I appreciate Gravesham Council have target new housing numbers to achieve. However the location of any new developments need to uphold the sanctity of the public realm and the planning laws and regulations that are in place to ensure development is sound and appropriate. This includes ensuring that green belt is preserved and urban sprawl prevented. Meopham is a village. It has grown organically over the years in a manner sympathetic to its identity as a village. People chose to live here because it's a village. Preserving agricultural land and open green space is of utmost importance to ensure Meopham doesn't become suburban and lose the essence of what Meopham is which is loved by all that live here. This particular parcel of land is an important swathe of green belt agricultural land which acts as a natural divider between two separate and distinct villages - Meopham and Sole Street. Building on this land completely removes the village feel and essentially connects Meopham and Sole Street, thus at odds with existing planning policy as regards green belt and urban sprawl. In addition there is not the local infrastructure in place to accommodate the scale of additional residents proposed. Both Meopham Medical Centre and Istead Rise Surgery have publicly stated that they do not have any spare capacity. Southern
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Water has also publicly stated that it cannot service any new housing developments.

This development will also generate a huge influx of traffic and the environmental pollution that accompanies this. The only public transport facility that can provide any relief is rail; bus services are declining at a serious rate and cannot be relied on.

For this and all other developments cannot be sustainable without a stronger village feel, presence and sense of community which surely is a priority for the council rather than just building swathes of concrete with no connections or networks within Meopham. Any developments must be accompanied by the development of the land opposite The Parade to create a proper village centre containing shops, eateries and bars and other village amenities. Housing development therefore needs to be considered strategically and holistically across the area rather than as individual piecemeal proposals.

I request that the council responds to me outlining its plans for supporting and benefiting Meopham and its residents through developing a larger and stronger village centre emerge as part of its local plan aspirations.

Essentially the council needs to accept that more people just cannot be squeezed into areas which are already creaking at the seams. Alternative sites which are realistic and feasible need to be identified.

Kind regards