

I object to this planning application on grounds of this site Greenbelt, agricultural land with several bio diverse woodland copses with significant amount of wildlife including barn owls, swifts, badgers and different birds of prey.



Greenbelt & Urban Sprawl

The site is Greenbelt, Grade 2 Agricultural land (arable crops) with several biodiverse woodland copses including Blundells Shaw with significant amounts of wildlife. Barn owls, swifts, bats, badgers and different birds of prey use this area which is next door to Corner Park and Kent Downs National Landscape and the Conservation area of Hook Green. No amount of mitigation will alleviate the potential damage due to increased air borne and light pollution caused by the development.

The proposed site does not meet the accepted definition of 'Greenbelt' it is still Greenbelt and is not included in the proposed Local Plan due for release in the near future. This means Gravesham Borough Council have not designated this site suitable for development.

Objecting using Greenbelt policy:

Greenbelt aims to:

- Prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open, preventing the merging of towns & villages - Sole Street and Hook Green will merge
- Safeguard the countryside, protect natural habitats: ancient ecosystems, flight paths of birds, hunting grounds for mammals and habitats will be destroyed
- Preserve the character of villages. The unique character of Sole Street and Hook Green, along with the communities will be shattered by excessive impacts on local amenities which are already at capacity.

Or you could mention:

- Infrastructure: M25 and Epsom Rise GP Practice are both at capacity documented by letters from both.
- Traffic increase could be around 1,450 extra cars, plus local driver vehicles.
- Emergency vehicles to houses on Norwood Lane would be impeded.
- Additional traffic will cause pollution, development will cause light pollution
- Train station has a bridge with no lift: disabled and anyone with a pram will not have access to the train station.
- Cumulative effect of developments in the area should be considered.
- Flood mitigation: open fields capture water reducing flooding - this is a major issue on Norwood Lane and Wrotham Road
- Open Land acts as a Carbon Sink - the best way to sequester carbon!
- Food Security



If you need help please let us know at [redacted]
We can also provide an easy to fill in form which can be taken to a collection box at Costa Coffee or CostCutter on Meopham Parade. These forms will also be available at the drop in session on the 21st March.