

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 22/12/2025 2:57 PM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Norwood Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0YE
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a development of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class C3), including affordable dwellings, and associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure works.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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## Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Scale of Development and Strain on the Village

I strongly object to this proposal, which seeks to build up to 150 houses in a small village setting. Meopham has limited infrastructure and services, and a development of this scale would place unacceptable pressure on the village. Rather than supporting the community, this proposal would overwhelm it and significantly reduce residents' quality of life.

Impact on the Green Belt and the Character of Meopham

Meopham is a rural village surrounded by Green Belt land that plays an essential role in maintaining its separate identity and countryside setting. Building on this land would result in irreversible harm to the openness of the Green Belt and would fundamentally alter the character of the village. The scale of the proposal feels entirely out of keeping with Meopham and would represent a clear case of countryside encroachment.

Cumulative Impact of Multiple Developments

This development cannot be viewed in isolation. There are already several proposals, or expected future proposals, in and around Meopham. The cumulative impact of these schemes is deeply concerning. Taken together, they would place an unsustainable burden on infrastructure, services, transport

networks, and the local environment, leading to a level of growth that the village is simply not equipped to absorb.

#### Lack of Capacity at the Local Doctor's Surgery

One of the most serious concerns is healthcare provision. The local doctor's surgery has stated that it has no capacity to take on additional patients. Approving a development of up to 150 new homes without adequate GP capacity would place existing residents and future occupants at risk of reduced access to essential healthcare. Darent Valley Hospital is also already under great strain, with gridlocked car parks and long waiting times.

#### Traffic, Road Safety, and Unsuitable Infrastructure

The roads surrounding the proposed site are narrow, rural lanes that are already under strain. They are wholly unsuitable for the volume of additional traffic that this development would generate. Many of these roads have no street lighting, poor visibility, and are dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. Increased traffic would significantly worsen safety and congestion problems.

#### Flooding Concerns

Meopham and the surrounding area have a known history of flooding. The addition of a large number of houses, with extensive hard surfaces, would increase surface water runoff and is likely to worsen existing flooding issues. This is a genuine concern for residents who already experience flood-related problems.

#### Wildlife and Loss of Hedgerows

The hedgerows within and around the proposed site are an important part of the local landscape and are known to support amber- and red-listed endangered bird species. Disturbance or loss of these habitats would cause lasting harm to wildlife and biodiversity, which should be protected rather than sacrificed.

#### Loss of Rural Tranquillity

A key attraction of Meopham is its rural tranquillity. Increased traffic, construction noise, and light pollution would erode this peaceful environment. Once this character is lost, it cannot be restored.

For all of the reasons outlined above, I believe this proposal represents an inappropriate and unsustainable development on Green Belt land. It would overwhelm the village, damage the natural environment, worsen flooding and traffic problems, and permanently harm the character of Meopham. I respectfully request that the planning authority refuses this application.

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Kind regards