

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/12/2025 10:59 AM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

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| 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

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| Name:    | [REDACTED]                                |
| Email:   | [REDACTED]                                |
| Address: | [REDACTED] Sallow Shaw Sole Street Cobham |

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

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| Comments: | <p>I wish to object to the proposed development of 150 dwellings on designated Green Belt land, which has not been released from the Green Belt boundary.</p> <p>1. Conflict with Green Belt Policy</p> <p>The development constitutes inappropriate use of Green Belt land and would significantly harm its openness and rural character. No genuine "very special circumstances" have been demonstrated to justify releasing this land for housing. Approval would set an unacceptable precedent for further encroachment.</p> <p>2. Road Network Cannot Support Additional Traffic</p> <p>The surrounding road network is already inadequate. Roads are narrow, frequently congested, and lack safe pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. An additional 150 homes would potentially generate 300 cars plus delivery and service vehicles, which would create severe and dangerous traffic pressures, worsen peak-time congestion, and increase highway safety risks. Adjacent roads are narrow and large vehicles, including the irregular bus service between Sole Street and Meopham already mount the pavement close to the telephone exchange in order to pass most oncoming traffic. The transport assessment fails to reflect real local conditions and does not offer credible mitigation.</p> <p>3. Insufficient Local Services</p> |
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Local facilities are overstretched. GP surgeries and NHS services struggle to accept new patients, public transport is limited, and local schools are operating at or near capacity. The proposal provides no realistic plan to expand essential services to support the incoming population proposed here and at the other sites in Meopham also under consideration.

#### 4. Unsustainable Location

The site is car-dependent with limited access to amenities, employment opportunities, and public transport. Commuters already stand on peak time trains from Meopham and Sole Street stations and current bus service is very limited and unreliable. This conflicts with national and local sustainability objectives and would increase carbon emissions.

#### 5. Environmental Impact

The development would result in the loss of valuable high grade farmland, natural habitats, mature vegetation, and wildlife corridors.

#### Conclusion

Taking into account the clear conflict with Green Belt policy, the unsuitable road network, the lack of supporting infrastructure, and the environmental harm, I respectfully request that the Council refuse this application in full.

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Kind regards