

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/09/2025 7:20 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam,
	Re: Objection to Outline Planning Application (20250802)

I am writing to register my formal objection to the above planning application. I believe this proposal would have significant negative impacts on the local community, environment, and infrastructure, and I urge the Council to refuse permission on the following grounds:

1. Road Safety and Pedestrian Risk

The A227 is already a heavily trafficked and hazardous route. Accidents are frequent, often triggered by traffic disruptions on the A2, M20, and M25. Most recently, a collision involving a bus and tractor opposite the proposed access point resulted in serious injuries to several schoolchildren, one suffering life-changing consequences. Placing an entrance here, close to a high-risk accident site and near areas frequently monitored by police speed vans, is extremely unsafe.

Pedestrian provision along this stretch is inadequate. Where footpaths exist, pedestrians must cross the road multiple times, exposing them to danger. The addition of vehicles and residents from this development would further exacerbate these risks.

2. Overstretched Infrastructure

The A227 frequently suffers disruption from burst pipes, collapsed drains, and underground works, causing traffic to divert into narrow lanes that quickly become gridlocked. Having lived in the area all my life, I have witnessed these issues repeatedly. The current infrastructure is insufficient for existing demands, and any increase in housing would worsen congestion and delay emergency services.

3. Traffic Congestion and Parking

The majority of local households have at least two vehicles. A development of

this scale would create demand for over 200 parking spaces, excluding visitors or school-related traffic. Parking is already chaotic during school drop-off and collection times, with vehicles blocking pavements and verges, constricting the road, and impeding buses and HGVs. Without adequate enforcement, additional traffic will intensify congestion and compromise safety for all road users.

4. Pressure on Local Services

Local amenities are already under strain. Culverstone Green Primary is a single-form-entry school, meaning many children would have to travel further for education, increasing reliance on cars. GP waiting times are high, and healthcare provision is limited; additional residents would exacerbate these pressures. Public transport, drainage systems, and other community services are similarly stretched beyond capacity.

5. Environmental and Heritage Impact

Culverstone Green retains a distinctive rural character, which this development would irreversibly damage. The site borders ancient woodland, a site of ecological and historical significance that must be safeguarded. Green and grey belt land exists to prevent urban sprawl and preserve rural landscapes. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) directs development toward brownfield sites first, and Gravesham's own brownfield register lists 43 suitable sites that should take priority over greenfield or grey belt locations.

6. Wildlife and Flooding Concerns

The area supports protected species, including bats, newts, and birds. Development would destroy or degrade these habitats, causing long-term ecological harm. In addition, increased surface water runoff from the site risks overwhelming existing drainage systems, heightening flood hazards on surrounding roads.

In summary, this development would compromise road and pedestrian safety, exacerbate traffic congestion, strain local services, and damage the rural and ecological character of Culverstone Green. It threatens ancient woodland, endangers wildlife, and places unsustainable pressure on existing infrastructure. For these reasons, I strongly urge Gravesham Borough Council to reject this application.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully

Kind regards