

# 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 11:07 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]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Meopham

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am writing as a local resident to strongly object to the proposal for up to 100 new houses on Blackthorn Farm, Culverstone Green. I understand that new homes are needed, but this particular site and this scale of development are simply wrong for our village.</p> <p>Culverstone Green is surrounded by Green Belt, and that land is meant to be protected. The suggestion that this area is "poor performing" Green Belt is just a convenient label-it is still open countryside that provides space, character, and a clear boundary between villages and towns. If this goes ahead, it opens the door for more Green Belt to be chipped away, piece by piece, until the protections mean nothing.</p> <p>Blackthorn Farm is farmland that adds to the rural feel of our community. Losing it to bricks and tarmac would permanently change the landscape. Culverstone Green is a village, not a suburb. Putting 100 homes here is completely out of scale. It risks turning our rural community into something unrecognisable, with all the problems of a town but none of the infrastructure to cope.</p> <p>And infrastructure is already stretched to breaking point. The A227 is busy and dangerous enough as it is, particularly around Heron Lane. More traffic will only make matters worse. Parking is already tight in the area, and no matter how many spaces the developers claim they'll provide, experience tells us there will be overspill into surrounding roads. On top of this, our schools, doctors, and utilities are already struggling. Adding hundreds more residents will tip them over the edge.</p> <p>I'm also worried about the environmental impact. Farmland, paddocks, and woodland edges all support wildlife, and this development would destroy those habitats. The plans for drainage don't inspire confidence either-hard surfaces on this scale will increase flood risk. And being so close to ancient woodland, it is vital that clear and enforceable protections are in place, yet the application doesn't set these out properly.</p>
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Perhaps most frustrating is the attempt to describe the site as "grey belt." That term doesn't even exist in planning policy-it's just spin to make building on Green Belt sound acceptable when it isn't.

This is not a small addition to the village; it is a huge, irreversible change. If it goes ahead, Culverstone Green will lose the very things that make it what it is: a small, green, quiet, and close-knit community. Once lost, that cannot be brought back.

For these reasons, I urge the Council to reject this application. The harms are obvious and long-lasting, and they far outweigh any benefit.

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Kind regards