

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/11/2025 2:05 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Tradescant Drive Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>1. Inconsistency with Green Belt Purposes and Local Plans How does this project protect the environment and respect the heritage of the village?</p> <p>Loss of prime farmland, hedgerows and trees, affecting a wide range of wildlife.</p> <p>Meopham is a historic village. It has moved with the times over the years, with many developments of mixed housing, dating back to the 1960s. Further development would destroy the character and rural setting of the village.</p> <p>2. Transport impact 350 houses would potentially add 700 vehicles to the access roads in and out of the village. The A227 is already a very busy road. There is a junction with Green Lane to the north of the proposed site, and a junction to Longfield Road on the opposite side of the A227 to the south. There is a parade of shops opposite the site, where a central island and verge side posts have recently had to be installed to deal with illegal parking. Entrance to the parking by the shops is very close to the crossing island used by Meopham junior school and the junction with Longfield Road, and on a significant bend. The exit from the parking has restricted view to oncoming traffic from the south, especially when larger vehicles are parked at the Parade. There is always extensive parking along the A227 and down Longfield Road at school start and finish times, creating congestion for northbound traffic, especially when there is parking on both sides of the road, reducing the flow to a single lane.</p> <p>The site is also likely to impact on Green Lane to the north. This is a B road which runs from Meopham to the A2 and is already used as a cut through when there are problems on the A2. The road runs through Sole Street, crossing a narrow humped railway bridge, and Cobham Village, where there is a single lane traffic calming system. Neither of these two pinch points could be widened. The road also runs through orchards and residential areas. Cobham village has a 7.5</p>
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ton restriction but this is poorly signed. Flooding is also an occasional problem at Sole Street. There are several tight bends between Meopham and Sole Street where traffic is often encountered using the middle of the road.

With work on the new Thames Crossing imminently starting, additional pressure on the A2 by its junction to Cobham would be significantly increased, adding to additional traffic congestion on the A2, A227 and Green Lane/Camer Road.

Social Infrastructure

In what way do you believe this development is needed in this location, against the wishes of most residents, and with serious doubts that the infrastructure could cope?

Meopham School has recently been expanded with land taken for additional car parking and bus access. The school currently has c.1000 pupils, many of whom are bussed in from other areas. This is an extract from the school website:

Meopham School is a warm and inclusive community, set in a beautiful rural setting in the historic village of Meopham. Our picturesque and inspiring location offers students a truly unique opportunity to be educated and inspired around the beauty of nature and village life.

This claim will no longer be valid if an additional 350 houses - plus other developments which appear to be in the pipeline - are built in the immediate environment

The GP surgery shares the same site as Meopham School, as does the Busy Bees nursery and Meopham Leisure Centre, Additional call on access from the A227 and parking would be inevitable, and the patient list for the surgery would increase to unacceptable levels.

Kind regards