

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/05/2025 6:50 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Request for a screening opinion in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of an EIA Screening Opinion to determine whether two outline planning applications for residential developments, one for up to 350 dwellings and one for up to 120 dwellings, at Meopham, Wrotham Road constitutes EIA development.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED], Wrotham Road Meopham Court Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Dear GBC, I may not be very good with the delivery of these comments and they may be a bit jumbled, but I'll try and get my views across the best I can. Of course I would be in favour of an EIA now it has been explained properly to me, I understand that Richborough estates may have already done their EIA, I spoke with a chap who was in the field up for the proposed planning of 350 houses opposite Camer parade shops on the 24th April, he was looking around at the trees and field doing an environmental assessment for them, I asked if he was local, he'd come from Nottingham... so not really much knowledge of Meopham. Firstly I'd like to point out that in December 2020 a planning application was put in for the building of one eco house in the walled garden in the field directly south of this one, complete with low level lighting and turning circles across this green belt land, which is part of Meopham The Street Conservation Area, it was refused by GBC and it was sent for appeal to an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, it was again refused on 25th March 2021, numerous reasons for refusal but some of the grounds were, it lies within the green belt, on not previously developed land and that it would have an adverse effect on the openness of the green belt. The significance of the conservation area lies with it being the core of the original settlement of Meopham centered around St John's church and Meopham Court, the undeveloped nature of its surroundings forms an integral part of the character and appearance of the conservation area, this field is separated ONLY only by a single hedge to the one proposed for the planning of 350 houses! We regularly see buzzards flying over, have recently started seeing Kites, we have badger sets in the woods towards the back of this field, if we are lucky we gets bats at dusk, although these sighting have got less, only a few evenings last year, and this is the field The Secretary of State partly had reservations with planning here because of low level lighting, I can't imagine the light pollution of 350 houses! the back of this field also borders onto Camer Park. So yes I welcome a EIA as it would only go to show just how unsuitable building a housing estate here would be. Also to note, approx 10 years ago planning was suggested in the field directly opposite this field and Meopham Court, for a
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retirement village with a doctors surgery onsite etc... this was rejected because of difficulty with access onto the A227 having many bends in the road, the close proximity to the school, at the top of Longfield Hill, and the Camer parade shops, an already busy area, and we certainly don't need another 350 houses! We are in the middle of a biodiversity crisis and need to preserve all the green belt we can. Any development here would be in conflict with policy CS02 the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy.

Kind regards