

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/03/2026 1:28 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

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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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	

I wish to register my strong objection to the proposal for 150 new houses on the land at Norwood Lane, Meopham. This development would cause significant and irreversible harm to the character, function, and environmental quality of this part of Meopham.

1. Traffic Impact and Highway Safety

The surrounding road network is rural, narrow, and already under pressure. Norwood Lane and the connecting routes were never designed to accommodate the volume of traffic that 150 new homes would generate.

- Increased congestion at peak times would be inevitable.
- Additional vehicle movements would raise safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and existing residents.
- There is no realistic plan for road widening or junction improvements without further damaging the rural landscape.

2. Loss of Rural Character and Special Landscape Quality

This site forms part of a distinctive rural setting that contributes to Meopham's identity. The open fields, tree lines, and uninterrupted views are integral to the area's charm and sense of place.

- Large-scale housing would urbanise what is currently a peaceful, agricultural landscape.

- The development would erode the village's character and set a precedent for further encroachment into greenfield land.

3. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure

Meopham does not have the infrastructure to support a development of this scale.

- Local schools, GP surgeries, and community services are already stretched.
- Public transport links are limited, meaning new residents would rely heavily on cars, compounding traffic and emissions.
- Utilities and drainage systems would require major upgrades, with no clear evidence that these can be delivered sustainably.

4. Irreversible Loss of Green Space

Once greenfield land is built on, it is lost forever. This site provides:

- Biodiversity value
- Natural drainage
- Visual amenity
- A buffer between settlements

Protecting green spaces is essential for environmental resilience, community wellbeing, and the long-term character of the area.

5. Personal and Community Significance

This landscape holds deep personal meaning for many local families. My partner grew up in this area, and the fields and lanes around Norwood Lane are part of his childhood and identity. This is not just empty land-it is a place woven into the community's history and memories. Replacing it with a dense housing estate would erase something that cannot be recreated.

Conclusion

This proposal is disproportionate, unsustainable, and harmful to Meopham's rural character. It fails to respect the landscape, the infrastructure limitations, or the community that already lives here. I urge the planning authority to refuse this application and instead prioritise development on brownfield sites and locations with appropriate infrastructure.

Kind regards