

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/03/2026 7:41 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

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Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Wrotham Road Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	**Formal Objection to Planning Application 20260207 Norwood Lane / Camer Road / Wrotham Road, Meopham**

I am writing to register my strong objection to planning application 20260207 on the grounds of highway safety, infrastructure capacity, environmental impact, and the cumulative effect on the character and sustainability of Meopham. Having lived in Meopham for nearly 30 years, I have seen first-hand the increasing pressure on the village's infrastructure. This proposal represents a level of intensification that the area simply cannot absorb without creating significant risks to residents, road users, and the wider community.

1. Severe Highway and Pedestrian Safety Risks

The proposed development sits at the junction of Norwood Lane, Camer Road and Wrotham Road (A227), an area already recognised locally as hazardous due to:

- High traffic volumes on the A227, which functions as a through-route between the A2 and M20
- Congestion around the parade of shops near Meopham Community Academy
- Limited visibility splays and narrow pavements
- Frequent informal parking and vehicle manoeuvres creating conflict points

This location is already described by residents as "an accident waiting to

happen". Adding hundreds of additional vehicle movements per day would materially increase the likelihood of collisions, particularly involving schoolchildren and pedestrians.

The A227 is already operating beyond safe capacity. Additional development would exacerbate speeding, congestion, and dangerous overtaking behaviour.

2. Infrastructure Cannot Support Additional Housing

Meopham's essential services are already under significant strain:

- Schools are at or near capacity
- GP surgeries have long waiting times and limited ability to take new patients
- Public transport links are insufficient for a growing population
- Parking availability is already inadequate, particularly around the village centre
- Waste collection and local logistics are stretched

There is no evidence that the proposed development is supported by a credible infrastructure plan. Without substantial investment, this application would worsen service provision for existing residents and create unsustainable pressure on local systems.

3. Harm to Village Character and Community Cohesion

Meopham is a rural village with a distinct character, defined by open spaces, low-density housing, and a strong sense of community. Large-scale development of this nature would:

- Erode the rural setting on both sides of the A227
- Create a sense of urbanisation inconsistent with the village's identity
- Increase noise, traffic, and pollution
- Undermine the community cohesion that residents value

Residents have invested significantly in their homes and contribute high levels of council tax with the expectation that the rural character of the area will be protected. This proposal is fundamentally at odds with that expectation.

4. Cumulative Impact on Crime, Safety, and Local Economy

Over-development without supporting infrastructure often correlates with:

- Increased crime rates
- Greater pressure on emergency services
- Declining local business viability due to congestion and reduced accessibility
- Depressed property values caused by overcrowding and loss of amenity

The cumulative impact of this development would be detrimental to the long-term economic and social wellbeing of Meopham.

5. Not Aligned With Sustainable Development Principles

The National Planning Policy Framework requires developments to be:

- Safe
- Sustainable
- Supported by adequate infrastructure
- Appropriate to local context

This proposal fails on all four counts.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse application 20260207. The development poses unacceptable risks to highway safety, places unsustainable pressure on already overstretched infrastructure, and would cause lasting harm to the character and wellbeing of Meopham.

I respectfully request that these concerns are fully considered as part of the decision-making process.

Kind regards