

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 7:56 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

Name:	[REDACTED]
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

I am submitting this objection to planning application 20260207 on the basis that the proposed development would create significant and unacceptable impacts on highway safety, local infrastructure, community character, and the long-term sustainability of Meopham.

Having been a resident of Meopham for many years, I have seen the village reach a point where its infrastructure is already stretched to capacity. Introducing a development of this scale would place further pressure on systems that are struggling to cope as it is.

1. Highway Safety Concerns at an Already Dangerous Location
The junction connecting Norwood Lane, Camer Road and Wrotham Road (A227) is one of the most problematic areas in the village. It is characterised by:

- Heavy traffic flow along the A227, which acts as a major through-route
- Congestion around the local shops and Meopham Community Academy
- Limited pavement width and restricted visibility
- Frequent unsafe parking and turning movements

This combination already presents daily risks to pedestrians, schoolchildren, and drivers. Adding a substantial number of additional vehicle movements would significantly heighten the danger. The A227 is already known locally for speeding and congestion; further intensification would only increase the likelihood of serious accidents.

2. Local Infrastructure Is Operating Beyond Capacity

Meopham's essential services are under considerable strain:

- Schools are full or near capacity
- GP practices are oversubscribed
- Public transport is limited and unreliable
- Parking is insufficient in key areas
- Waste and recycling services are stretched

There is no evidence that the proposed development is supported by a realistic infrastructure plan. Without major investment, the additional population would place unsustainable pressure on services that are already struggling to meet current demand.

3. Detrimental Impact on the Rural Character of Meopham

Meopham is valued for its rural setting, open spaces, and village identity.

Large-scale development at this location would:

- Erode the rural landscape
 - Create a sense of urban sprawl along the A227
 - Increase noise, traffic, and pollution
 - Undermine the character that residents have invested in and wish to preserve
- The cumulative effect would be a shift away from the village environment that defines Meopham and towards a more urbanised corridor, which is neither appropriate nor desirable for this location.

4. Negative Consequences for Community Wellbeing and Local Economy

Overdevelopment without adequate infrastructure often leads to:

- Increased crime and antisocial behaviour
- Greater pressure on emergency services
- Reduced accessibility to local shops due to congestion
- Declining property values and reduced attractiveness of the area

The proposal risks damaging the social fabric of the village and undermining the economic stability of local businesses.

5. Failure to Meet Key Principles of Sustainable Development

The National Planning Policy Framework requires developments to be:

- Supported by adequate infrastructure
- Safe for all road users
- Appropriate to the local context
- Environmentally and socially sustainable

This proposal does not meet these criteria.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse planning application 20260207. The development would compromise road safety, overwhelm local infrastructure, and fundamentally alter the character and sustainability of Meopham.

I respectfully request that these concerns are given full consideration during the decision-making process.

Kind regards