

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 27/11/2025 12:04 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

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I strongly object to the above planning application for the development of new housing on this site in Meopham.

This proposal is contrary to both local and national planning policy, would cause irreversible harm to the Green Belt, and would place unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure.

1. Inappropriate Development in the Green Belt

The application site is within / adjacent to designated Green Belt land, whose core purpose is to:

- Prevent urban sprawl
- Protect the countryside from encroachment
- Preserve the setting of villages like Meopham

Under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), development in the Green Belt is by definition inappropriate and should only be approved in "very special circumstances." No such circumstances have been demonstrated in this application.

Approval would set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for continuous erosion of the Green Belt around Meopham.

2. Severe Impact on Local Infrastructure

Meopham already suffers from:

- Overloaded roads and congestion (especially at peak times)
- Limited GP and NHS capacity
- Over-subscribed schools
- Insufficient public transport

This development would place unmanageable additional strain on services that are already stretched beyond capacity, with no credible mitigation strategy in place.

3. Highways, Parking & Safety Concerns

Local roads in and around Meopham:

- Are narrow and unsuitable for increased traffic
- Suffer from existing speed and visibility issues
- Are already under pressure from commuter traffic

Adding a housing estate will significantly increase vehicle movements, worsening:

- Traffic congestion
 - Air pollution
 - Road safety risks for pedestrians and children
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4. Environmental & Wildlife Harm

The surrounding land supports:

- Wildlife corridors
- Mature trees and hedgerows
- Important natural drainage and flood prevention

Development would result in:

- Permanent loss of habitat
- Increased surface water runoff & flood risk
- Urbanisation of rural countryside

These losses are irreversible.

5. Failure to Respect the Character of Meopham

Meopham is a rural village, not a suburban expansion zone. This proposal represents overdevelopment, visually intrusive housing, and would fundamentally change the character and setting of the area.

This is contrary to local planning principles of sustainable, proportionate development.

Conclusion

This proposal:

- Conflicts with national Green Belt protections
- Causes serious environmental and infrastructure harm
- Represents unsustainable overdevelopment
- Sets a damaging precedent for future Green Belt erosion

I formally urge Gravesham Borough Council to REFUSE this application in full.

Kind regards