

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 2:14 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] Manor Road Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	
1. Conflict with National and Local Planning Policy	
The proposed development is contrary to the fundamental purposes of Greenbelt as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which seeks to prevent urban sprawl and safeguard the countryside from encroachment. Local planning policies prioritise the protection of Greenbelt land and encourage development on brownfield sites first. This application fails to demonstrate exceptional circumstances required for Greenbelt release.	
2. Harm to Openness and Character	
The scale and density of the proposed housing will significantly reduce the openness of the Greenbelt, undermining its essential characteristics. The development will alter the rural character of the surrounding villages, eroding their distinct identity and heritage.	
3. Environmental and Ecological Impact	
The site currently supports diverse wildlife habitats. Large-scale construction will lead to habitat loss and fragmentation, negatively impacting biodiversity. Increased hard surfaces will exacerbate flood risk and reduce natural drainage, contrary to sustainable development principles.	
4. Infrastructure and Services Strain	

Local roads are already under pressure; additional traffic will increase congestion and road safety risks. Public services such as schools, healthcare, and utilities are insufficient to accommodate the proposed population growth, leading to a decline in service

quality.

5. Impact on Surrounding Villages

The development will create disproportionate growth, overwhelming the existing community structure and placing strain on social cohesion. Noise, light pollution, and construction disruption will diminish the quality of life for current residents.

6. Alternative Options Not Fully Explored

The applicant has not demonstrated that all reasonable alternatives, such as brownfield redevelopment or smaller-scale infill projects, have been exhausted.

Conclusion

This proposal fails to meet the tests of sustainable development and exceptional circumstances required for Greenbelt release. It will cause irreversible harm to the environment, local character, and community infrastructure. I respectfully request that the application be refused.

Kind regards