

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 5:34 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Ridge Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>My objections are relevant for all 3 proposed developments currently being planned for the Meopham area:</p> <p>Longfield road is already a very busy access route at peak times to two schools and Longfield itself, without any added further weight of traffic.</p> <p>The current traffic situation with only one set of roadworks by UK Power Networks (Ref 000240176088) demonstrates perfectly how adding any extra traffic (on a permanent basis with 120 further homes) to an already overstretched section of the A227 would be disastrous and make the lives of residents of Meopham a constant misery. A normal 10-12 minute drive to Meopham station is currently taking 40+ minutes because of one set of traffic lights.</p> <p>When part of the A227 is shut, the surrounding (often single track) lanes which around the whole of Meopham and Culverstone (being a village and mostly green belt land) are rapidly gridlocked already. In event of road closures there are currently no suitable diversions for the current levels of traffic, let alone cater for hundreds more cars that would appear with new developments of the scale put forward.</p> <p>The plans also need to factor in the effects of the agreed Lower Thames Crossing which will have a detrimental effect on traffic levels and the increase of unsuitable large HGVs.</p> <p>When there is any normal to substantial rainfall the A227 road is dangerously flooded. [REDACTED] can't access public transport (i.e. a bus) safely on foot even now because of flooded roads locally preventing footpath access. Surface water drainage is already wholly inadequate and more housing would make this far worse.</p> <p>The local GP surgery is already over-subscribed with long waits to get a face to face appointment. There are few, if any NHS dentists taking on new patients and the local hospital in Dartford (Darent Valley) is already gridlocked when you try just to attend a routine appointment, let alone deal with emergencies.</p> <p>The one bus service that runs through from the Wrotham end of the A227 to Gravesend is not frequent or reliable enough to be fit for purpose. The service does not work well with the peak morning train times at Meopham and those returning home from work on the train would likely find themselves stranded. The</p>
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last bus during the week leaves Gravesend at 5:40 pm so anyone working in Gravesend or further afield towards London or even Medway would struggle to use public transport to get home.

Any money developers might be asked to put aside towards infrastructure is immaterial as there are no solutions for 'solving single track lanes' to ease congestion; bus services I very much doubt would be improved as they are being cut year on year in the region; there is a national shortage of GPs, NHS dentists and very little extra possible capacity at our local hospital that could be funded. This and the other similar housing plans being considered now and in the next year will simply ruin Meopham as a village, spoiling it on a permanent basis. Alternative brown field sites should instead be looked at as a priority to fulfil future housing needs.

Kind regards