

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/12/2025 8:59 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Tradescant Drive Gravesend, Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Formal Objection to Proposed Development of 350 New Homes on Wrotham Road

I wish to formally object to the proposed application for the construction of approximately 350 new homes in our village.

First and foremost, the site in question lies within designated Green Belt land. The purpose of Green Belt designation is to prevent urban sprawl, safeguard the countryside from encroachment, and preserve the open and rural character of areas such as ours. Approving a development of this scale would fundamentally undermine those principles and set a concerning precedent for further erosion of protected land.

The village is well known for being quiet, peaceful, and rural in character. Introducing a large housing development would irreversibly alter this character, replacing tranquillity with congestion, noise, and overdevelopment. The scale of this proposal is entirely disproportionate to the size and nature of the existing community.

A major concern is the complete lack of supporting infrastructure. The planning documentation makes no meaningful provision for additional services to support such a substantial increase in population. There are no plans for new GP surgeries, despite existing practices already being overstretched. There are no

proposals for new schools, even though local schools are already operating at or near capacity. The village is served only by a small Tesco with extremely limited parking, which is already insufficient for current residents, let alone hundreds more households.

Traffic and road safety are also significant issues. The village already acts as a cut-through between the A2 and the A20, and this problem would be dramatically worsened by the addition of 350 homes. Increased traffic would place an unacceptable burden on narrow, quiet roads, including private roads, and would significantly increase congestion, noise, pollution, and safety risks. This is particularly concerning given the number of schools in the surrounding area, with more vehicles increasing danger for children and pedestrians.

Furthermore, the proposed development would result in the loss of valuable agricultural land. These fields are currently used to grow crops such as wheat, barley, and vegetables - land that contributes to UK food production at a time when homegrown produce is more important than ever. Sacrificing productive farmland for housing without adequate justification is short-sighted and contrary to long-term national interests.

In summary, this proposal:

- Inappropriately targets Green Belt land
- Provides no adequate infrastructure to support new residents
- Threatens the peaceful, rural nature of the village
- Exacerbates traffic and road safety issues
- Removes valuable agricultural land needed for UK food security

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application in order to protect the character, sustainability, and long-term wellbeing of our village and surrounding area.

Kind regards