

# 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 9:12 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] Tradescant Drive Gravesend, Meopham

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>Formal Objection to Proposed Residential Development of Approximately 150 Homes - Meopham</p> <p>I wish to formally object to the proposed development of approximately 150 new homes on the agricultural field located directly behind my property in Meopham.</p> <p>This field has been used for local agricultural farming for many years, producing crops such as wheat and barley. The loss of this productive farmland is deeply concerning, particularly at a time when UK food security and homegrown produce are increasingly important. Once this land is lost to development, it is lost permanently, and the proposal offers no convincing justification for sacrificing viable agricultural land.</p> <p>The development would be accessed via a very narrow, quiet rural lane that is wholly unsuitable for the level of traffic generated by 150 new homes. This lane was never designed to cope with sustained construction traffic, daily commuter use, service vehicles, and increased pedestrian movement. The inevitable result would be congestion, road safety risks, noise, and a significant deterioration in the quality of life for existing residents.</p> <p>As with other recent development applications in the area, this proposal shows a complete lack of adequate infrastructure planning. Local schools are already operating at or close to maximum capacity, and this development would place an</p>
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unacceptable additional burden on them. GP surgeries are already overstretched, with appointments difficult to obtain, and there are no plans for additional medical facilities. Local shops are small, limited, and already suffer from severe parking shortages. No meaningful infrastructure improvements are proposed, and even if they were, they would be insufficient for the scale of growth being imposed on a small village.

Meopham is a historic and distinctive village, first recorded in 788 and known for its long rural form, traditional greens, and agricultural heritage. It is home to landmarks such as the historic windmill at Meopham Green, St John the Baptist Church dating back to the medieval period, and one of the oldest cricket clubs in the country. The village's identity is rooted in its rural character, open land, and strong sense of place. Incremental overdevelopment risks eroding this character beyond recognition.

The cumulative impact of this proposal, when combined with other nearby housing developments, would result in overpopulation of a village that simply cannot sustain it. Traffic congestion, overstretched services, loss of countryside, and harm to the historic character of Meopham are all inevitable outcomes.

In summary, this development:

- Results in the permanent loss of valuable agricultural land
- Relies on unsafe and unsuitable access roads
- Places unacceptable pressure on schools, GP surgeries, and local services
- Lacks any credible infrastructure planning
- Causes harm to the historic and rural character of Meopham

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application in order to protect the wellbeing of existing residents, preserve agricultural land, and safeguard the unique character of Meopham.

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Kind regards