

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/12/2025 7:04 PM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

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| 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

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

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I strongly oppose the planning application for 350 houses on this prime, beautiful farmland that is currently actively farmed and contributes to our food production. In no way can it be considered low grade agricultural land and there is no case to release this Green Belt land for housing. The land also supports the habitat of small animals, birds and bats (contributing to biodiversity), has lots of mature trees and hedges and the rural setting provides key health benefits for the wellbeing of the community.

The proposed site with access on to what is already a very congested road seems fraught with dangers to the local population and especially children travelling to and from local schools. The increase in population from additional housing will inevitably mean more cars heading on to local roads with more vehicle emissions and the associated health risks. Wrotham Road is already heavy with traffic and gridlocked during school runs and when traffic re-routes through Meopham because of problems on A2 or M20. And the proposed housing development access on the A227 is worryingly close to 2 challenging junctions (Longfield Road/A227 and Green Lane/A227) both already busy and exacerbated by access into and out of the parade of shops so will be unable to cope/become more dangerous with more vehicles. Plus Green Lane is very narrow and, in parts, two vehicles cannot be adjacent which currently causes traffic to build up.

In addition, I object to this application as the infrastructure in Meopham is already

heavily overstretched with the GP Practice, local pharmacy and Darent Valley Hospital already at capacity and struggling to meet current demand. Buses are occasional (and non existent on a Sunday) and commuters already struggle to get a seat on trains into London as it is. If this means more people from new houses will take to commuting by car, the A227 in Meopham will be at a regular standstill. This road also regularly floods when we have heavy rainfall because of poor drainage making it even more hazardous.

Finally, I think this Green Belt area should be protected and not built on to support the wellbeing of locals and visitors alike. The NHS and other mental health charities encourage us to commune with nature and green spaces to enhance physical fitness and practise mindfulness. Where will we be able to do this when all the Green Belt has been turned into housing estates and the glorious, beautiful rural landscapes have disappeared?

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Kind regards