

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 6:45 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:	Cheyne Walk Meopham Meopham, Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I object to this application on the grounds of harm to the Green Belt, inadequate infrastructure, traffic impact, pollution and loss of biodiversity.

The site is designated Green Belt within the Gravesham Borough Council Local Plan and the proposal fails to demonstrate the exceptional circumstances required for development. The Green Belt here plays an important role in preserving rural character, farmland, village distinctiveness, absorbing carbon, reducing flood risk and providing a buffer between rural and urban areas. None of this has been meaningfully addressed.

Local infrastructure is already overstretched. Darenth Valley services, GP practices and local secondary schools are at or near capacity, and further education options are limited. The development would worsen this situation without credible mitigation.

Traffic assessments underestimate the true pressures on local roads, which often carry diverted traffic from the A2, M2 and M20. Additional vehicle movements would worsen congestion and create further safety risks, especially near the primary school and Special Educational Needs school, where parking and visibility are already problematic.

The scheme would also increase air and light pollution and cause ecological harm through tree and hedge removal and disruption of protected wildlife

habitats.

For these reasons, I request that the application be refused.

In addition, according to a BBC source, consultations should be carefully gathered from relevant institutions and organizations before any housing development takes place. These consultations must occur prior to the development of the Local Plan. Below is a list of such institutions and organizations that should be consulted:

- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Homes England
- The Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Highways Authority
- Utility Providers
- National Health Service
- Police & Medical Services
- Office of Rail & Road
- County Councils
- Local Enterprise Partnerships
- Local Nature Partnerships
- Parish & Town Councils
- Developers & Businesses
- Landowners
- Educational Services
- Local Resident & Community Groups
- Voluntary Organizations
- Wildlife Trusts
- Accessibility Advisers
- Sport England

Has the Local Authority carried out these investigations? If so, are the results of the findings publicly available?

If not, why not?

Kind regards