

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/12/2025 9:20 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:	Meopham Green Gravesend

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>My objection is based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Conflict with National and Local Policy</li></ol> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Green Belt development is inappropriate except in "very special circumstances," which must clearly outweigh harm to the Green Belt. Gravesham Borough Council's Core Strategy (2014) and emerging Local Plan reaffirm the importance of protecting Green Belt land to prevent urban sprawl and maintain rural character. No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to justify this release.</p> <p>And:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Harm to Rural Character and Landscape</li></ol> <p>Meopham is a historic rural parish, and development would erode its identity, merging villages such as Sole Street and Meopham. This directly conflicts with the Local Plan's objective to maintain settlement separation and protect countryside views.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Environmental Impact and Flood Risk</li></ol> <p>Green Belt land provides essential drainage and biodiversity.</p>
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Development will increase surface water runoff, exacerbating flood risks on the A227 and harming wildlife corridors identified in Gravesham's environmental priorities.

#### 4. Availability of Brownfield Sites

Gravesham has brownfield land and regeneration opportunities (e.g., Ebbsfleet area) that should be prioritized over Green Belt release. National policy encourages brownfield development first, and this approach aligns with sustainable planning principles.

There are 3604 potential dwellings that have been refused permission for development on the Brownfield Land register part 1. As per guidelines these sites already meet criteria.

Sites to be included in Part 1 of Gravesham's brownfield land register must meet the following criteria:

an area of at least 0.25 hectares or capable of supporting at least 5 dwellings  
suitable for residential development  
available for residential development and residential development of the land is achievable.

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Kind regards