

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/12/2025 9:20 AM 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] Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>The design and access statement are totally unacceptable for the following reasons.</p> <p>The application cannot be assessed on it's own, there are multiple sites being proposed along the A227 TOTALLING OVER 1600 NEW HOMES, PLUS THE 2000 POTENTIAL HOMES AT BOROUGH GREEN WHICH WILL ALSO FEED ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ONTO THE A227.</p> <p>The Meopham Rural Housing Needs Assessment of 2020, identified a need for just 25 affordable new homes, 4 of which were for older households.</p> <p>Brown field sites</p> <p>The planning rules clearly state that brownfield sites should be prioritised for new housing developments.</p> <p>What is the negative cost of leaving derelict brownfield sites vacant on the economy of Gravesend? Which is dying due to a lack of investment.</p> <p>Building on Gravesend's brownfield sites would rejuvenate the town centre, by providing more local residents, who would live within walking distance of the shops, restaurants and public transport.</p> <p>THERE ARE BROWNFIELD SITES IN GRAVESEND, that are not being</p>

developed, because they are supposedly not financially viable compared to GREEN BELT development.

Developers must be incentivised to build on Brownfield sites.

Building homes in Meopham will not result in more people shopping in Gravesend.

Green belt, high quality agricultural land must not be designated as Grey belt.

Food is being flown to the UK from all over WORLD.

Climate change is affecting the whole world, resulting in droughts and crop failures.

Ukraine war continues to threaten the viability of a major grain supplier.

Despite all the uncertainty surrounding future food supply, rising costs and the implications of transporting food around the world, OUR politicians believe DEVELOPERS should be allowed to build on prime agricultural land. This can only make us more reliant on others for our future food supply.

Insect life in Kent continues to plummet according to the 2025 Bugs Matter" Splat Survey". The number of flying bugs in KENT having fallen by 66% in just 5 years.

THE GREEN BELT MUST BE SAFEGUARDED FOR FUTURE FOOD PRODUCTION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

ONCE THE LAND HAS BEEN BUILT ON IT IS LOST FOREVER.

POINT 2020 Creation of wildlife-rich habitats within the proposed open spaces and infiltration basins to create enhanced biodiversity of land within the setting Enhancement of the existing on-site woodland, by the removal of garden waste tipping,

HOW DOES BUILDING 150 NEW HOMES, ROADS, HARD SURFACE PARKING AREAS, AN ADDITIONAL 300 CARS, 450 PEOPLE, NOISE, LIGHTS, POLLUTION etc IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY? ALL THESE ACTIVITIES WILL SIMPLY CONCRETE OVER THE EXISTING HABITAT AND SCARE OFF OR KILL, MUCH OF THE EXISTING WILD LIFE ON THAT SITE.

The proposed entrance and exit to the site from Green Lane, is dangerous. The developer fails to provide any existing traffic data, or how many additional car journeys the 150 houses will generate.

No mention is made of the collective chaos and overall traffic increase of the 3 other proposed development sites in very close proximity totalling over 1330 homes

The provision of a crossing to Camer park is even more dangerous. When cars come out of Camer Park Road onto Green Lane it is already a major problem, let alone having to have an additional pedestrian crossing point to contend with.

The KCC Highways report provides additional details relating to traffic issues. POINT 2.03 of their design plan states

The A227 serves as a primary route through Meopham, facilitating vehicular, cycling, and pedestrian movement.

The continual suggestion throughout the proposal that the estate will somehow encourage cycling is farcical. The numbers of cyclists that use the A227 and Green Lane/Sole Street, is minimal because the roads are so dangerous. I would ask the developers to personally cycle along the A227 from the A2 to the A20,

and then say if they would permit their own children to do so.

One of the other developers already refers, twice, in their plans to "heavy traffic" on the A227, how heavy will the traffic be once another 1330 houses have been built in Meopham, plus additional ones in Istead Rise, Culverstone and potentially 2000 at Borough Green.

Finally, there are no comments in their proposals regarding GP, hospital and school capacity. The building of additional facilities will require yet more land to be built upon.

Darent Hospital is already past its capacity and access is appalling.

Kind regards