

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/09/2025 8:23 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I register my objection to this outline proposal - [as it does not meet the criteria of the Governments: National Planning Policy Framework December 2024 nor does it align with Gravesham's own planning strategy.] This proposal is: 1. not aligned with Gravesham Borough Council's stated intent to prioritise re-development of 'brown land' - this is a green belt site 2. highways and traffic, the proposal for 100 houses will lead to a minimum of 200 additional vehicles, there is only one access / egress point onto the A227 Wrotham Road, this route is already heavily used (a recent incident at the George pub resulted in a queue as far south as the Wrotham Roundabout - 4miles) adding a further development will only aggravate this and the other local side roads are not adequate to support diversions (especially HGV's) 3. the electrical supply infrastructure does not exist to support these properties (with or without vehicle charging facilities). 4. the existing drainage system is regularly overwhelmed just with surface water never mind foul (the main sewer does not have the spare capacity.) 5. allowing surface run off to flow down the east side of the site would not be acceptable and would give rise to an increase in flooding to the lower area (significantly Rhododendron Avenue which lies in the valley behind the site) 6. there are no reliable modes of local public transport in this area (Red Route busses 306,308,223 which can be very hit or miss) there is no train station within 2.8 (Meopham) 4.2 (Borough Green) miles, (distances 'as the crow flies') both stations have very limited (and costly) car parking. 7. there are no pedestrian footways or means of crossing the A227 at this point 8. the proposed area is known to contain protected species, including bats, newts, dwindling native bird species, 9 adjacent there is a designated area of ancient woodland (a 15m proposed 'strip' is wholly in adequate to protect this) - i do note this area is not within the application area 10. consideration to ILP (institute of lighting professionals) specifies intrusive light should not exceed 1.5lux outside any site development, which helps not to intrude on wildlife or neighbours and promote 'dark sky' by limiting lighting pollution. 11. this development will lead to a continuous urban sprawl joining current separated small rural communities forcing them to loose their identities and just becoming an other suburbia (yes Meopham is the longest (7m) village in the country) .
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I therefore cannot support this application as being within the spirit of reasonable development in the Gravesham Borough and the Governments' NPPF Dec2024 and request the Planning committee reject this application out of hand. [REDACTED]

Kind regards