

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 10:50 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

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:	Dear Sirs, as a resident of Meopham, I object to this planning application on a number of environmental issues, firstly due to the huge impact on the environment as there are many protected species on this site, for example bats, a large variety of birds and other wildlife. The proposed site adjoins Ancient Woodland which must be protected. We can not lose or cause permanent damage to an irreplaceable habitat. Surely, there would be an increase to light pollution which would have a huge effect on the environment and habitats for the protected species that live in the area and the natural environment.
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Secondly, the site has not been previously developed and therefore does not meet any criteria to be designated 'grey belt'.

Thirdly proposals go against the most recent Government National Planning Policy Framework, where Paragraph 116 and it would lead to unacceptable impact on highway safety and residual cumulative impacts on road networks would be severe. The A227 is already a busy main artery of Kent Highways linking A2 with M20. If either of these roads are affected with traffic problems. The traffic use the A227 to divert to find another route around any congestion. This results huge congestion on the main A227. There will be an impact on air pollution with this increase in further traffic. As a rural village, the bus service is very infrequent to the local train station, to Gravesend or to Sevenoaks. Hence, there will be an impact of far more cars on an already congested and compromised A227. There will be another increase on traffic volumes. This has all been highlighted recently with local road closures, due to maintenance work, leading to horrendous traffic congestion on narrow country lanes.

As the A227 is already a busy main artery of Kent Highways, any safe access will become incredibly difficult, if not impossible, with the volume of traffic that already uses that road.

A huge point is that the site currently acts as a drainage for Culverstone Valley and the A227. With global warming rising and the potential threat of increased

precipitation levels, this will increase the need for this drainage to stay in place. Otherwise, there will be issues with flooding into the wider area with an increase of water underground which would affect foundations and driveways in the wider area such as on Rhodondendron Avenue which already has issues with flooding.

Appreciate your thoughts on this and please accept these objections to decline the proposal of the development of Blackthorn Farm

Kind regards