

# 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 6:41 PM 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:	Wrotham Road Meopham

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I object to the proposed planning application on the bases of: -</p> <p>Protection of Bats &amp; Butterflies</p> <p>It is understood that bats inhabit the proposed development site and adjacent locations.</p> <p>I would highlight &amp; record that all bat species and their roosts are legally protected, by both domestic and European legislation. Under Regulation 43 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) you would be committing a criminal offence if you: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deliberately capture, injure, or kill a bat.</li><li>- Deliberately disturb a bat.</li><li>- Damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of a bat (bats do not have to be in occupation at the time).</li><li>- Possess or control a bat.</li><li>- Transport a bat.</li></ul> <p>Also, under Section 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), you would be committing a criminal offence against bats if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat occupying a structure or place used for shelter or protection.</li><li>- Intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to any structure or place used for shelter or protection by bats.</li></ul> <p>Additionally, the destruction of the fields and natural woodland in, on or around the bat habitat area would seriously impact upon their natural feeding grounds.</p> <p>Specific Reference to: -</p> <p>Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) (as amended)</p> <p>Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017) (as amended).</p> <p>Butterflies</p>
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It is also understood that specific protected butterflies are present & inhabit the proposed development site.

This is a material consideration under the nature conservation policy, and as such these specific butterflies together with their breeding or resting places must be protected.

In both the above cases, it is reckless and irresponsible to consider this site for development, and this proposal must be scrapped.

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Kind regards