

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/03/2026 12:03 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Wrotham Road Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing as a local parent to object to planning application 20260207. After reading through the documents and following the council's responses, I have very real concerns about how this development would affect the safety, infrastructure, and character of our community - particularly for families with young children. 1. Traffic Levels and Child Safety Camer Road already experiences heavy traffic, with daily vehicle numbers around 7,600. The developer's own Transport Assessment suggests these figures could rise by a further 15-20% if the proposal goes ahead. For those of us who walk our children to school or try to navigate the area during peak times, this is extremely worrying. The junction at Norwood Lane and Camer Road is already difficult to use safely, especially with children. Adding hundreds more vehicles will only make it more dangerous. I'm also concerned that extra traffic will spill into the smaller surrounding lanes, which are not suitable for large volumes of cars and certainly not for cut-through traffic near family homes. The proposed roundabout and major road alterations would change the rural feel of the village completely, replacing it with a busy, urban-style road layout that is wholly inappropriate for a family-oriented community. 2. Drainage and Flooding Risks As someone who lives locally, I am already aware of how poorly the area copes
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during periods of heavy rain. Surface water collects quickly, and drainage systems are often overwhelmed. The documents provided by the applicant do not give convincing reassurance that the existing infrastructure can support such a large development.

Adding around 725 houses and a school will put significant pressure on drainage, sewer capacity, and wastewater systems - all of which are already stretched. Without firm and detailed mitigation plans, the risk of flooding and system failure will only increase.

3. Loss of Green Space and Rural Character

This development would remove one of the last remaining open green spaces separating Meopham from neighbouring areas. As a parent, I value the countryside around us - it's where our children play, walk, and experience nature. Replacing it with a large housing estate would erode the rural character of the village, block long-distance views across the ridgeline, urbanise Norward Lane with widening and engineered "active travel" features. This landscape is part of what makes Meopham such a special place to raise children. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

4. Pressure on Schools, GPs, and Local Services

The proposal for 725-730 new homes would effectively double the local population. For families, this raises serious concerns:

Local GP surgeries are already struggling to offer appointments.

School places - both primary and secondary - are already limited, and some year groups are close to capacity.

Public transport is unreliable and infrequent is the poorest service I have come across.

Emergency services are under pressure.

Even with some proposed "affordable" housing, the overall scale and density do not fit with the nature of a rural village. Meopham simply does not have the infrastructure to absorb such a dramatic increase in population.

5. Increased Car Dependency and Everyday Congestion

Despite references to sustainable travel, this is a location where most households rely on cars. Living on Wrotham Road, I see first-hand how busy it is already - especially during school runs. More cars will inevitably lead to severe congestion and longer, more dangerous journeys for parents and children.

As a parent, I cannot ignore how much this will affect daily life: school commutes, after-school activities, and even simple things like safely crossing the road will become significantly more difficult. For all these reasons - traffic and safety concerns, drainage risks, loss of countryside, pressure on schools and GP services, and the sheer scale of the proposal - I strongly urge the council to refuse planning application 20260207.

This development poses too many risks for local families and does not reflect the needs or character of our community. The negative impacts far outweigh any benefits.

Kind regards