

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/09/2025 7:29 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]
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Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 100 residential homes at Blackthorn Farm, located along the A227. This proposal raises significant concerns on multiple grounds, most notably the irreversible loss of high-quality agricultural land and the inability of local infrastructure to support such a substantial increase in housing.

Blackthorn Farm is currently productive agricultural land that contributes to the local rural economy and the national food supply. At a time when food security is an increasing concern due to climate change, global instability, and post-Brexit trade uncertainty, it is both short-sighted and irresponsible to convert farmland into housing when alternative brownfield sites exist.

The development would result in the permanent loss of Grade 2/3a agricultural land (if applicable-include classification if known). The UK has already lost significant amounts of farmland in recent decades, and this trend must be halted to ensure long-term sustainability. The government's own planning guidance emphasizes the importance of protecting the "best and most versatile" agricultural land.

Once lost, farmland cannot be recovered. Building on Blackthorn Farm would be an irreversible decision.

The local area, particularly along the A227 corridor, lacks the infrastructure necessary to support an influx of 100 additional households.

The A227 is already overburdened, especially during peak hours. Additional traffic from the proposed homes would exacerbate congestion, increase travel times, and raise the risk of accidents on what is already a busy and often dangerous route.

There is limited access to reliable public transport in this area, forcing new residents to rely on private cars. This contradicts sustainability objectives and will increase carbon emissions locally.

Local GP surgeries and schools are already at or near capacity. This development would place additional strain on these vital services, affecting the quality of care and education for existing residents.

It is unclear whether current water, sewerage, and energy infrastructure can support 100 new homes. Without significant upgrades (which are not proposed), this could lead to service interruptions or environmental damage.

This proposal fails to strike a balance between development and sustainability. While the need for housing is acknowledged, this must not come at the cost of our remaining farmland and without proper infrastructure to support such growth.

There are likely more appropriate locations within the borough-particularly brownfield sites-where development would have less environmental and infrastructural impact.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning committee to reject the proposed development at Blackthorn Farm.

Kind regards