

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2025 9:15 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Request for a screening opinion in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of an EIA Screening Opinion to determine whether two outline planning applications for residential developments, one for up to 350 dwellings and one for up to 120 dwellings, at Meopham, Wrotham Road constitutes EIA development.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Hadley Close Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I strongly support the need for a Full Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of the proposed plans to build housing on green belt land, currently being used to grow crops, in Meopham Village. The Developer should be required to undertake the necessary Assessment. The current Government policy states that building on the Green Belt should be permitted only in exceptional circumstances. There are other brownfield sites in the town of Gravesend which should be developed rather than permanently destroying important farmland upon which crops are currently being grown. The proposed site on Wrotham Road opposite the Camer Parade shops is farmland and currently has crops growing on it. This valuable farmland should be protected and preserved in order to contribute to food security for the future. To build on and develop this land would irreversibly have a detrimental effect upon the wildlife in the area, both in terms of disruption whilst building work takes place and on future biodiversity in the area. The Wrotham Road site opposite Camer Parade is part of the North Downs and very close to Camer Park which is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Both this site and the site on Longfield Road are known to support a wide variety of bats and species of birds and insects many of which are becoming endangered. I am aware that Bat habitats as well as bird nesting sites are protected by law. It is widely understood that housing developments, such as those proposed will severely affect the biodiversity of the area, and will also have a detrimental effect on the wider area and flora and fauna population for years to come. Some of this may never recover from the disruption to the habitats. Our village cannot support the introduction of approximately another 500 homes, which would place a very significant strain on our already overstretched facilities such as schools and medical facilities. The A227 is already incredibly busy with huge amounts of traffic all day and particularly at peak times. Additional dwellings will add hugely to this and make an already dangerous road even more stressful. The proximity of schools (Meopham Secondary School, Meopham Community Academy and Helen Allinson School for Autistic Children) to Camer Parade
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already make this a very busy and congested area and to add another 500 homes would add immense problems and hazards in terms of both traffic and in turn safety for the pupils and families.

The primary access to both of the proposed sites would be the A227 which already suffers with increased traffic when there are problems or road closures on adjacent main roads such as the A2, A20, M20 and M25. Additionally it is recognised by Highways England that the A227 will suffer increased traffic with the opening of the new Lower Thames Crossing. When a road closure (planned or emergency) occurs on the A227 this huge amount of traffic diverts along the narrow country lanes of Camer, Vigo and Harvel causing gridlock.

The junction of the A227 with Longfield Road is already hazardous, particularly at school arrival and departure times, creating additional hazards for the children and families. To create an additional junction to enable access and egress from the proposed sites would increase the risk to everyone. Furthermore, the increased traffic, often queueing would considerably raise the air pollution levels right outside the three schools previously mentioned, posing a risk to the health of children and vulnerable persons.

I strongly believe that Gravesham Planning must ensure that for both sites a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out. This should be in consultation with all of the relevant professional bodies and the Residents of Meopham.

Kind regards