

10th December 2025

The Planning Officer
Gravesham Borough Council

Dear Mrs Partin

Ref. No 20250992 Wrotham Road, Meopham

I have many objections to the various proposals of development in Meopham. My foremost concern is the blatant destruction of a county once known as The Garden of England, a productive fruit growing area, sheep grazing and arable. With a growing population to depend on foreign imports for the nation's food is lunacy. Parasites from urban and industrial areas with little interest in history and no care for the well-being of the nation hope to make money by enticing land-owners, who may be leasing land to farmers, dependant on it for a livelihood, to share some of the profit.

1. This site is productive agricultural land.
2. Cultivated and natural land is essential for rainwater to leach through to the aquifers which supply Southern Water who in turn supply all the urban conurbations in South East England. They are already struggling.

3. The field in question is higher than the adjacent A227 so helps to prevent surface water flooding onto the highway.
4. The drains below the A227 regularly overflow after a storm causing rivers of water to flow across the carriageway East to West leaving floods at the lower points.
5. The proposed site is adjacent to an AONB and SSSI as well as the proudly newly designated North Kent Woods & Darns Natural Nature Reserve. Everyone benefits from the health of these places including visitors from urban areas and diverse communities and ethnicities. They also provide a mosaic to provide habitats for many species.
6. The rural A road through Meopham links two arterial roads through Kent - the A20/M20 & the A2/M2. When major incidents occur the A227 becomes gridlocked and more dangerous hampering emergency vehicles who regularly use it from Gravesend.
7. At the beginning and end of the school day it is similarly congested. School buses have to arrive approximately 1 hr before the end of day to be on time at the Secondary School. There are three schools along this route. Today before 3pm I counted 7 cars straddling the bus layby and 50 cars along the west side kerb alongside Meopham Primary School.

8. The essential Lower Thames Crossing, to take pressure from Dartford will undoubtedly increase traffic via the A227 to the A2
9. Since a central reservation has been placed alongside The Parade of shops in Meopham, egress from the parking lane has become much more dangerous. Due to the curvature of the road the visibility of north bound traffic is restricted because they now travel closer to the kerb. Added to that 30mph has been painted onto the carriageway suggesting to strangers that that is a safe speed.
10. The entrance suggested for a development is 10-15m from Green Lane road junction. It can be very slow joining the A227 from Green Lane, an additional junction would be ridiculous.
11. If pedestrians wished to cross the A227 to the shops a pedestrian crossing would be essential and it seems some shoppers parking might be included in the development. Such a crossing would cause excessive disruption.
12. Bus services are minimal and sparsely used, a chicken and egg situation, and none on Sundays. This necessitates many families being dependant on cars.
13. Many power outages occur in Meopham, albeit short mostly. Some years ago when a resident monitored them for a year we all

received some compensation from the electricity company!

14. The Medical facilities at Megham already cover an area way outside the village boundary and recruiting more doctors is not easy at present.
15. This field is in the Green Belt whose intention is to confine urban spread. Each pocket of Megham is similarly bordered by Green Belt which is there for the health and benefit of everyone in a much wider area.

Yours Faithfully

