

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/12/2025 12:57 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Cheyne Walk Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I have been raised in Meopham and its surrounding area and have always loved its rural nature. I do object to this development and have discussed with my family. I do believe that this proposal should also be considered in conjunction with at least two other major development proposals in the immediate area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I do note that a vital green space was previously bought by the council in summer of 2024 to protect it from development and create an opportunity to increase biodiversity further within the Borough. the undeveloped fields in question offer that same biodiversity and should be protected.- this land is between the southern edge of urban Northfleet and Gravesend and the village of Istead Rise extends over 160.91 acres (65.11 hectares), takes in Hazell's Farm, Durndale Farm and Wingfield Bank Farm. It is bordered by Istead Rise to the south, the A227 to the east and HS1 and the A2 to the north. At the time Gravesham council welcomed the acquisition acknowledging that when the land was advertised as being for sale there was concern locally that it would be bought for its development potential and that as a council they moved quickly to ensure this vital green lung will be preserved and used in a way that is in line with the current agricultural, natural and rural nature of the land, while supporting our Corporate Plan ambitions in terms of green spaces and climate change agenda.- The similarities between the intent to protect here and the risk associated with development are plain to see.- In other comments regular users of the A227 will advise that almost weekly there is some form of disruption given the growing volume of traffic.
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- Temporary lights in the proposed development locale are a regular and disruptive feature, creating significant delay and chaos in adjoining narrow lanes.
- Human behaviour is at odds with elements of the proposal. The developer highlights proximity to Meopham station and works to move bus stops.
- A regular bus service is a myth. There are no buses travelling through Meopham that align with train timetables. Additional commuters will drive to the station which with return to work post covid at typically 4 days per week where parking is at capacity.
- Commuters do not walk, commuters drive to get to the train station.
- The access to the site will lead to traffic collisions, impatient drivers exiting/entering will meet traffic using the A227. Knowledge of driver behaviour rather than statistics will see the high risk associated.
- Aligned with this will be the increase in large vans and lorries in the area - constantly. 350 houses - Potentially, 700 cars + Delivery and Service Vehicles. Weekly shopping will be through internet/delivery and the development will have little impact to convenience/top up shops using local shops.
- The parade of shops has caused an accident black spot.
- There is a visual impact on the adjacent Conservation Area.
- This is a large farmland site fully used for food production.
- I draw attention to the recent build of a car park and drop off area at Meopham Secondary school and reference again human behaviour. It has made no difference to the number of cars that park on corners, yellow lines or in the school grounds.
- This section of Wrotham Road is full of parked cars alongside Meopham Community Academy during start and finish times.
- The A227 at The George Inn is narrow and a known accident blackspot. How many additional accident blackspots are permitted for a development??
- The A227 is a long but effective cut through from A2 to M20 and vice versa where problems on either of those two major routes immediately create traffic issues locally.
- I object to mature farmland being turned in to concrete, impacting local farmers ability to produce local goods.
- There will be an impact to wildlife already under strain from major nearby developments.
- Developers do not compensate for loss of habitat, new housing estates always will look like new housing estates.
- Meopham Primary and Secondary schools are at capacity with the latter new build having a quick succession additional building to compensate for the widening catchment areas. The secondary school is not a school for local children, it is a school for a wide catchment area. Access to local schools cannot be assumed by the developer.
- The local GP (significantly sized) cannot cope with current population. A new surgery is needed.

Kind regards