

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 1:31 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Medlars Meopham GRAVESEND

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dangerous access arrangement - The proposed development would funnel traffic from 120 homes, potentially adding 240+ cars, as well as regular delivery and service vehicles. This poses a serious safety risk for existing road users and pedestrians.- Impact on Helen Allison School (SEN) - The site borders Helen Allison School, which supports children with special educational needs. Many pupils are highly sensitive to noise, traffic, and environmental overstimulation. Increased vehicle movement, construction activity, and general disturbance will cause alarm, stress, and sensory overload, undermining the calm, low-noise environment the school relies on to safeguard the wellbeing of its vulnerable students.- Loss of high-grade agricultural land - The site comprises high-quality farmland that has been cultivated for centuries and remains in productive use. Its loss would reduce local food-producing capacity and erode valuable agricultural resources.- Severely constrained Longfield Road - Longfield Road is extremely narrow, with vehicles frequently parked along both sides. It becomes heavily congested during school start and finish times, making it unsuitable to accommodate significant additional traffic.- Frequent heavy-vehicle use - The road is regularly used by HGVs accessing the weighbridge at Green Street Green, further demonstrating that it is already under substantial strain.- Unsafe speed environment - The speed limit on Longfield Road is 50 mph from the residential and school area, and many drivers continue at this speed into
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Meopham. The introduction of large numbers of additional vehicles would greatly increase the risk of collisions and endanger pedestrians, school users, and residents.

- The site lies within Green Belt land that has not been released from the Green Belt boundary, making development inappropriate and contrary to established policy.
 - The proposal would generate approximately 1,440 additional cars using the A227 as the primary route in and out of Meopham, significantly increasing traffic volumes.
 - The A227 is already used as a cut-through by vehicles, including HGVs, despite its narrow carriageway and pavements, and becomes gridlocked whenever incidents occur on nearby major roads.
 - Local side roads are wholly inadequate to take diverted traffic, leading to severe congestion and safety risks during diversions.
 - The forthcoming Lower Thames Crossing is expected to increase traffic flows on the A227 even further.
 - Rail capacity is already overstretched, with commuters standing on peak-time trains from Meopham and Sole Street stations, and the existing bus service is limited and unreliable.
 - The development would create a potential one-third increase in Meopham's population, placing disproportionate pressure on local infrastructure.
 - GP surgeries and NHS services are already at capacity, meaning additional housing would exacerbate strain on essential healthcare provision.
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Kind regards