

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 3:35 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] Mulberry Close Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

My objection to the proposed developments in Meopham centres on how the plans are presented as inevitable and beneficial to our community. This narrative is fundamentally flawed. These projects are developer-led initiatives exploiting the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and implicit government approval, weaponizing the notion of "sustainable development" to rush through changes that serve profit over community needs.

I recognise that development is necessary, but Meopham is facing three confirmed proposals for 620 houses and an additional proposal for 750 houses pending approval. This could bring in a least 1240 residents (assuming two residents per dwelling), increasing to 1370 new houses and 2,740 new residents. Meopham had 6795 residents in the 2021 Census, so these three developments alone will result in an immediate 18% increase in population. If all four developments occur, that figure jumps to 40%. Such a rapid growth cannot be labelled sustainable.

Meopham is a rural area, enjoyed by residents like myself for its tranquillity and green spaces. Yet, we are faced with what seems like a property development gold rush. Let's be clear: this is not about our desires as a community; it's about profit for developers, regardless of their compelling presentations.

The applications boast ambitious transportation plans, but they push responsibility for infrastructure improvements to some undefined future date.

They evaluate each project in isolation rather than as a cohesive network of developments, which only dilutes the impact on local services. For instance, with 10,315 patients currently registered at Meopham Medical Centre, they face a potential 12% increase in caseload from just three developments. Moreover, traffic assessments ignore the upcoming Lower Thames Crossing that will further amplify congestion along the A227.

While the proposals include features like energy-efficient homes and electric vehicle (EV) charging points, they fail to address broader concerns about climate resilience. There is no mention of solar power or air source heat pumps, and the reliance on Low NOx gas boilers doesn't align with future energy plans. Plus, heavier EVs will aggravate our already damaged roads.

It's undeniable that Gravesham requires housing, but these developments are a shock to our community. They feel undemocratic and unsustainable, as the NPPF and developers insist otherwise. The pressing question for us in Gravesham and Meopham is this: what does truly sustainable and acceptable development look like? Because this is not it.

Kind regards