

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 3:39 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] Warwick Gardens Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>This is Green belt land not Grey belt. At the time of this application the land is currently being used for growing a CEREAL crop not a Non-cereal crop is stated. One of many inaccuracies contained within the documents. It is prime arable land providing essential food security for the nation. No mention of the additional CO2 emissions required to source replacement from other sources, probably overseas.</p> <p>The additional street lighting on the site will pollute the Dark Sky environment of Meopham, together with destroying the habitat of bats, owls and small mammals. No mention of the additional CO2 required the install, power and maintain these lights.</p> <p>The transport plan is pure fiction. During school drop off and pick up times there is considerable congestion on the A227, Longfield Road and adjoining residential roads. In the morning queue on the A227 quite often extends for Meopham School back to Hook Green. In the afternoon the parked cars on the A227 Northbound, stretch back from Longfield Road to Church Cottage. The bus stop on the southbound side is also used for school parking. The car parking at the shops is busy all day and does not provide any additional parking at school opening or closing times. Longfield Road itself is often impassable.</p> <p>Pedestrian access along the South side of Longfield Road is a nightmare. Cars parked on the pavement outside the bungalows severely reduce the available</p>
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space. Pedestrians are often forced to walk in the road or cross over and then cross back again. Walking routes to local services are all along the A227. At many points the pavement is very narrow. Walking North on the West side towards Meopham station, the footpath disappears completely at Hook Green and there is not even an uncontrolled crossing point to cross to the Eastern footpath. Walking North on the Eastern footpath, the sight line looking East at the junction of Green Lane is very limited. None of the footpaths are suitable for conversation into shared pedestrian/cycle routes. There is limited street lighting on both the A227 and Longfield Road. Again there is no environmental impact data provided for the CO2 emissions for any upgrades apart from the additional light pollution damage to the Dark Sky. Gravesham has a climate policy of working towards Net-Zero, there is no information in the application to see how this can be achieved with these additional CO2 emissions.

Cycling is not a viable alternative to driving as there are no cycle routes and all of the road network to leave Meopham requires the use of narrow unlit country roads.

Bus transport is not a viable alternative to driving as there is no morning rush hour service, one bus in the evening and a very limited service during the rest of the day. No service on Sunday. This will result in increased use of private cars. Again no impact information on the assumed air pollution from these vehicles.

The site is immediately adjacent to a SEND school. The noise and light pollution from a development that will take years to complete will destroy the quiet countryside location that the school currently enjoys. The developers can claim that they will do everything possible to minimise disturbance but unfortunately every vehicle on a building site has to have a reversing alarm fitted. They all must have yellow flashing lights. This is all without the noise of the construction and the dust and fumes from diesel engines blowing over the school.

No access to a supermarket unless you drive. No access to a hospital unless you drive.

The A227 is already over capacity at busy times and additional traffic will be added to by the Thames river crossing at Gravesend.

This application is linked to another on the opposite side of the Wrotham Road. Plus other applications in Norwood Lane, Green Lane and Camer Road which could ultimately see Meopham merging together with Sole Street. These are specifically why the Green Belt was put in place to protect the countryside from urban sprawl. None of the applications makes reference to any additional public services. The additional housing in each of these applications requires for upgrades in water, sewage and power supplies. Combined there would be such a significant increase in demand for these services that the whole networks may need replacing. Again no estimate of the CO2 climate impact of this.

This is a solely for profit, no benefit to the local community application which already has over subscribed schools and doctor's surgery. It should be rejected because it is clearly against the national planning policy regarding Green Belt development and would result in Gravesham not meeting its Climate Change commitments.

Kind regards