

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/09/2025 1:15 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Wrotham Road Culverstone Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am very concerned about the proposed development at Blackthorn farm. I have been a resident for 38 years and have seen the volume of traffic increase on the A227 tenfold. The width of the road in places is not much wider than a country lane and is not suitable for the volume of traffic it already has! We should be looking at ways to reduce the traffic not increase it.</p> <p>Blackthorn Farm is very close to a blind bend going towards Culverstone school and has been the cause of a few accidents over the years. When I was a lollipop lady years ago a car stopped for me to cross the children and 3 cars ploughed into him as they couldn't stop in time coming round the bend. Luckily I had waited before I saw the children across. The parents park all along the road either side of the school and oncoming traffic find it very difficult to get past.</p> <p>When there are roadworks or incidents, which there have been many, the traffic is at a standstill and many cars, lorries and other large vehicles resort to using the surrounding lanes following their satnavs. They are often stuck for a very long time as there are very few passing points and the Lorries become stuck. I am very concerned already about emergency services being able to get through at any time but especially at the times I have just mentioned and at school times and rush hour. If we were to have another 'sink hole' as we had a couple of years ago at Meopham Green, which blocked the road for many weeks, how would we as an area and community cope?</p> <p>The A227 is often used as a 'rat run' between the M20 and A2 and when either of those motorways have problems they use it, and if we already have roadworks or an incident the result is absolute chaos. When I was working I was late many times even though I left extra early to get down the hill towards Borough Green. Recently it took me 50 mins going past Blackthorn farm to get to Morrisons, which is a ten minute journey normally, due to a small accident by the George pub at Meopham.</p> <p>If the planning were to go ahead the lorries required for the building works would</p>
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just add to the problems we already have and I have mentioned. If the properties were built the road would realistically have to accommodate at least another two hundred cars. We all have to rely on our cars in this area as public transport is very limited and the railway stations at Meopham and Borough Green are much too far to walk. I often already have to time my journeys around school times and rush hour and delay coming home because of the traffic and my life and that of my neighbours are already impacted by it.

Another issue would be children needing to go to school! I understand Culverstone School is at or almost at capacity so the new parents would have to be driving their children to the nearest school that has places, which would force even more traffic onto our already chaotic road at it's busiest times. How would the road and local people cope?

Our local doctors surgery is also at capacity and too far to walk for most people.

The proposed land is home to many wildlife species, some protected and there is also ancient woodland which would be impacted. I'm sure you are aware also of the the increased risks of flooding to the area, which experts would be able to explain much better than I can.

I am just a normal person and I love living here at Culverstone. The one blight on mine and my family's life is the A227 I live on and I am frightened that our lives will be even more seriously impacted were we to have any more traffic here.

Kind regards