

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 1:17 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:	[REDACTED] New Ash Green

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am writing to object to the proposal to build 100 houses at Blackthorn Farm, Culverstone, Kent. This is Green Belt land which should not be developed, according to the Government, unless there are 'very special circumstances'. These do not seem to exist in this case and indeed the development goes against certain aspects of the Government's own National Planning Policy Framework, as follows.</p> <p>Whilst this land has access to the A227, this road constantly has issues with the traffic which already uses it, as recent roadworks closing the road have shown. When this road is congested, there are no other reasonably passable routes to access local areas. Adding further to this problem with firstly construction traffic and then more residential traffic will exacerbate road conditions. A considerable increase in traffic will also make an impact on air pollution for the children at the nearby Culverstone Primary School.</p> <p>This site adjoins Ancient Woodland where the development will cause irreversible damage to wildlife habitats. There are known to be bats within this area, which should be protected. Too much of our native woodland is disappearing through building development and should be preserved at all cost. Indeed, there has also been erroneous presentation of the woodland ownership, which must be addressed.</p> <p>Further issues with the suitability of this site include the flooding problems. The land is key to drainage of Culverstone Valley and the A227. Building on the Blackthorn site will result in flooding problems for the local residents.</p> <p>From a wider perspective, this development further threatens the rural nature of this area of N.W.Kent. The Green Belt between the villages here is crucial to preserving the character of the local communities. Building on such precious green spaces will eventually result in the merging of boundaries between these distinct villages and their communities and consequently destroy their character completely.</p> <p>There are other unused brownfield sites in the Gravesham area which could be put to better use as housing and would be in areas where the social infrastructure could support the additional residents more appropriately. Building developments in the wrong place should not be allowed simply because they are</p>
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cheaper and easier for the developer! The Government themselves announced today that help should be given to revitalising town centres. This should be the priority in Planning Policy, not further carving up Kent's already beleaguered countryside!

Kind regards