

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 1:37 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:	Rhododendron Avenue Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I strongly object to the proposal for the reasons set out below:
	<p>The proposed development undermines the purposes of the green belt, even if the land is classified as "grey belt". This development represents inappropriate encroachment into the countryside. The current site is green fields used for grazing horses. New build estates are not in keeping with, and will harm the character of Culverstone, fundamentally weakening the wider green belt's integrity.</p>
	<p>The infrastructure in place is woefully insufficient to support the existing community and its visiting/passing traffic. The public transport provision is not sufficient to support the additional homes, and the proposed site is not within walking distance to the secondary school or train station. Residents of the new development will need to rely on vehicles, including those in affordable housing.</p>
	<p>The addition of 100 houses, equating to a realistic 200 additional vehicles, would lead to a significant increase in traffic congestion. This poses a significant and unacceptable risk to pedestrian safety (particularly as the A227 has sporadic footpaths along it meaning pedestrians need to cross over multiple times to avoid walking in the road), and increases the risk of accidents and congestion. The A227 already suffers significantly from congestion, particularly at school drop off and pick up times where the school sites can not provide adequate space for parents to park and the A227 is used as a car park causing dangerous conditions.</p>
	<p>There are also frequent roadworks and closures, leading to diversions through country lanes that are completely inadequate for that purpose, causing absolute chaos in those areas due to the extremely high volume of traffic attempting to get through.</p>
	<p>The local schools are at capacity, there are long waits to make contact with the doctor's surgery or get an appointment, and I myself spent 8.5 hours in paediatric</p>

A&E at Darent Valley Hospital this week, as they cannot meet their targets to see patients within 4 hours due to the sheer volume of people. Even the local shops cannot accommodate the number of vehicles needing to park, leading to a high risk of accidents when cars are attempting to pull in and out of the parking provisions or people are parking on the road.

There is a significant risk of flooding which is a major concern for the existing community. Every time we see rain the A227 has significant surface water with drains failing, and the valley sees flooding which will be exacerbated by this development as the proposed development plans do not go far enough to prevent this and the land is chalk.

The development would result in the loss of important habitats and wildlife. There are both birds and bats inhabiting the proposed site which must be considered, and the adjacent ancient woodland must be protected.

Whilst I appreciate the need for housing, I do not consider this site to be appropriate for the proposed development and I urge those examining the application to give serious consideration to the points raised in the many objections.

Kind regards