

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 2:02 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] Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I'm writing to object to the plan to build 100 houses at Blackthorn Farm. I live in the area and walk or cycle past the site a lot. I've also been to meetings where loads of local people - including students, parents, and teachers - talked about how this development would cause big problems. I know I'm just a teenager, but this matters to my future too.

Here are my reasons for objecting:

1. Wildlife Will Be Seriously Harmed

The land around Blackthorn Farm is full of wildlife. We've seen bats flying around at night, and there are loads of birds and other animals. The field backs onto ancient woodland, which is really rare and protected - once it's damaged, it can't grow back.

There's also concern that the woodland belongs to the local school (The View School), and the plans seem to ignore or misrepresent that. Rainwater from the slope could run straight into the woodland and cause flooding or damage to the trees and wildlife.

2. It's Green Belt Land, Not Meant for Building

The land hasn't been built on before. It's not a brownfield site or "grey belt" - it's Green Belt, which is meant to stay undeveloped unless there's a really good reason. Building 100 houses here would ruin open countryside and could start a chain of similar developments nearby.

3. The Roads Are Already Way Too Busy and Dangerous

The A227 is already packed with traffic, especially in the mornings. I've seen how fast the cars go, and it's scary even trying to cross sometimes. Adding another 200+ cars from this estate would make it worse. It's also dangerous for people walking or cycling - especially younger kids.

Also, how are emergency vehicles supposed to get in and out quickly if there's a traffic jam or if the road gets blocked?

4. No Buses = Everyone Will Drive

There are barely any buses from this area to Gravesend or the train station. Without buses, people will have no choice but to drive everywhere. That means more cars, more traffic, more pollution. How is that helping the environment?

5. Flooding Risk

That field helps absorb water when it rains. If it gets turned into houses, there'll be nowhere for the water to go. That could lead to worse flooding on nearby roads like Rhododendron Avenue, especially since the land is on a slope.

6. Merging Villages Isn't What People Want

If this goes ahead, it'll feel like our villages are just being pushed together into one big blob of houses. Places like Culverstone and Meopham will lose their identity. People live here because they like the space, the views, the countryside - not rows of new buildings.

7. No Room in Schools or GP Surgeries

Where are all the new kids supposed to go to school? Most local schools are already full, and so are GP surgeries. The developers haven't explained how this will be fixed.

8. Air and Light Pollution

More cars mean worse air quality. That's bad for all of us - especially younger kids and people with asthma. Plus, new streetlights will ruin the dark sky and disturb wildlife like bats and owls.

9. We're Being Ignored

It feels like decisions are being made without listening to the people who actually live here. Loads of us are saying the same thing: this is the wrong place to build. Why not build somewhere with proper roads, buses, and less environmental impact?

In Short:

- The plan damages protected land and wildlife.
- It makes traffic, flooding, and pollution worse.
- It's not sustainable - people will have to drive everywhere.
- It doesn't follow national planning rules or local policy.

- It's not what the community wants or needs.

Please reject this planning application. I might be young, but this is my home too, and I want it to stay somewhere green, safe, and healthy to live - now and in the future.

Thanks for reading.

Kind regards