

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 2:03 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] Dartford Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I strongly object to the planning application for up to 100 houses on Blackthorn Farm. I believe this development is entirely unsuitable for the village and poses serious risks to the local community and environment. My objections are based on the following key points.</p> <p>Environmental Harm and Flooding Risk</p> <p>The development would destroy valuable green space and create significant environmental problems.</p> <p>Flooding: Blackthorn Farm acts as a natural drainage area for the surrounding land. Paving it over will prevent water absorption, causing it to run straight down to the valley below. This will dramatically increase the risk of flooding for homes on Wilsons Way, Rhodendron Avenue, and other local roads that are already prone to flooding. This is a serious danger to people and property.</p> <p>Wildlife and Habitat: The site is a home for a wide range of wildlife, including protected species. I myself have spotted bats and owls flying over the farm. Building on this land would destroy their habitats. The light, noise, and air pollution from the construction and the new houses would also be a serious problem, especially as the land is next to ancient woodland.</p> <p>Traffic Congestion and Road Safety</p> <p>The local road network is not equipped to handle a development of this size.</p> <p>Dangerous Roads: The A227 is already a dangerous road with constant traffic, potholes, sinkholes and a history of accidents. Adding hundreds of extra cars will only make it worse. A recent, tragic crash with a school bus full of children happened right outside the farm, injuring multiple children and leaving one with catastrophic life-changing injuries. This road is not safe for more traffic.</p>
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Congestion: The A227 is already a major bottleneck. The extra cars from this development, along with more delivery and construction vehicles, will cause even more gridlock. This makes it incredibly difficult for residents to get around and could prevent emergency vehicles from getting through when needed.

Car-Dependent Living: Culverstone has very few amenities-just a school, a small shop, and a garage. There are no job opportunities. Because public transport is unreliable, every new household will be completely reliant on cars, adding to the problem. This will not help the 50% of affordable households that are being proposed to be built here.

Impact on the Community

The village's small infrastructure simply cannot cope with a huge increase in population.

Schools: Culverstone Green Primary School is a single-form entry school and is full. There is no way it could accommodate all the new children this development would bring, putting a massive strain on local education.

Limited Services: The lack of doctors' surgeries, shops, or any other significant amenities within walking distance means that all new residents will have to travel for everything.

In conclusion, this proposal is unsustainable. It would put an unbearable strain on our roads and local services while causing permanent damage to the environment and increasing the risk of flooding. This is not the right place for a development of this size. I suggest looking closer to Gravesend town centre in already built-up areas that could cope with the increase in population. There are many brownfield sites that should be utilised for building more houses. DO NOT DESTROY OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE.

Kind regards