

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 4:06 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:	<p>I am writing to register my objection to the above planning application on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Inadequate Local Infrastructure</p> <p>Meopham has very limited local infrastructure. Essential services such as GP surgeries, schools, and public transport are already under considerable strain. The addition of up to 100 new dwellings would significantly increase demand on these services, which are not equipped to cope with such rapid population growth. No clear or sustainable plan has been outlined to mitigate this burden.</p> <p>2. Traffic and Road Safety Concerns</p> <p>The proposed access from the A227/South Street raises serious safety concerns. This road is already heavily congested during peak hours, with frequent bottlenecks and limited capacity for additional traffic. Increased vehicular movements generated by 100 dwellings would worsen congestion, raise accident risks, and diminish air quality for residents. The absence of robust public transport alternatives will only intensify reliance on private vehicles.</p> <p>3. Loss of Green Belt Land</p> <p>The proposed development sits within designated Green Belt land, whose primary purpose is to prevent urban sprawl and preserve open countryside. Development on this site would result in the permanent and irreversible loss of valuable natural landscape, undermining both the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) protections and local commitments to safeguard the Green Belt. This land provides ecological, recreational, and aesthetic value that cannot be replaced.</p> <p>4. Impact on Rural Character and Village Identity</p>
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Meopham is a rural village with a distinct character defined by its open spaces, farmland, and traditional built form. Introducing a large-scale housing estate would fundamentally alter this character, eroding the sense of place that residents and visitors value. The scale of the proposal is wholly disproportionate to the village and would set an unwelcome precedent for further expansion, threatening Meopham's identity as a rural community.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed development. It would place unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure, exacerbate traffic congestion, destroy protected Green Belt land, and permanently damage the rural character of Meopham. I urge the planning authority to refuse this application in order to protect both the environment and the wellbeing of the community.

Kind regards