

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 15/03/2026 1:40 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Camer Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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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:	Official Objection Letter

Planning Application 20260207 - Land at Norwood Lane / Camer Park
Proposal: Construction of 725 New Homes

To:
Planning Department
Gravesend Borough Council

Subject: Formal Objection to Planning Application 20260207 - Land at Norwood Lane, Camer Park

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to register my formal objection to planning application 20260207, which seeks approval for 725 new homes on land at Norwood Lane / Camer Park. The scale, location, and consequences of this proposal pose significant and irreversible harm to our community, our landscape, and our essential services. I therefore urge the Council to reject this application in its entirety.

1. Green Belt Conflict and Environmental Damage

The proposed site sits on Grade 2 Green Belt agricultural land, incorporating biodiverse woodland such as Blundells Shaw, home to a notable bluebell population. It borders Camer Park, the Kent Downs National Landscape, and the Hook Green Conservation Area-areas whose character and ecological value are central to the identity of this region.

This development would:

- Erase open countryside specifically protected to prevent urban sprawl.
- Accelerate the merging of Sole Street, Meopham, and Istead Rise, undermining their distinct village identities.
- Fragment wildlife habitats and sever established ecological corridors.
- Introduce substantial noise and light pollution, with no credible mitigation.

Crucially, this land is not allocated for development in the emerging Local Plan. To approve it regardless would undermine both the planning framework and the fundamental purpose of Green Belt designation.

2. Unsustainable Pressure on Local Infrastructure

Local infrastructure is already stretched to breaking point:

- Meopham and Istead Rise GP Practices have formally stated they cannot absorb additional patient demand.
- Schools, public services, and community facilities are operating at or beyond capacity.

An influx of more than 2,000 additional residents would place intolerable strain on essential services. The application offers no realistic or deliverable mitigation to address this deficit.

3. Traffic, Safety, and Access Risks

The development is projected to generate over 4,150 additional vehicle movements, placing severe pressure on an already fragile road network.

Key risks include:

- Increased congestion and safety hazards on Norwood Lane and Wrotham Road.
- Delayed access for emergency services, particularly to properties along Norwood Lane.
- Deterioration of local air quality due to higher traffic volumes.
- No viable plan to improve access to Meopham train station, which is already constrained.

The cumulative impact on road safety, congestion, and pollution is unacceptable and cannot be justified.

Conclusion

This proposal represents a profound and unnecessary threat to our environment, our infrastructure, and the character of our village. It conflicts with Green Belt policy, disregards the Local Plan, and offers no meaningful solutions to the significant harms it would cause.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that planning application 20260207 be refused in full.



Kind regards