

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/12/2025 12:31 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To Longfield Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0EW
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 120 residential dwellings, public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Longfield Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I wish to register my strong objection to this planning application on the grounds of highway safety, serious risk to vulnerable children, and unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure and essential services.</p> <p>1. Dangerous Access Arrangement</p> <p>The proposed development of 120 houses will introduce potentially 240 additional cars, not including delivery vans, refuse lorries, emergency vehicles, and other service traffic. The suggested access point is wholly unsuitable for this scale of use. Longfield Road is already extremely narrow, with resident parking on both sides, creating a single-track flow during peak hours. At school start and finish times the road becomes heavily congested, and introducing such a significant increase in traffic would greatly heighten the risk of collisions, blockages, and reduced emergency access.</p> <p>2. Proximity to Helen Allison School (SEN)</p> <p>The access road and construction activity would run directly adjacent to Helen Allison School, a specialist SEN school supporting children who are highly sensitive to noise, disruption, and unpredictable environmental changes. These pupils require a calm, low-stimulus setting for their wellbeing and development. Increased traffic, construction noise, vibrations, and general disturbance will cause unnecessary alarm, sensory overload, and emotional distress to highly vulnerable children. This proposal fundamentally fails to safeguard the welfare of the pupils, and as such is incompatible with the school's needs and the obligations placed on developers to protect vulnerable groups.</p> <p>3. Traffic Impact on the A227 and Wider Meopham Community</p>
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Based on the applicant's own numbers, the development could generate up to 1,440 additional car movements per day using the A227 as the primary route in and out of Meopham. The A227 is already operating at or near capacity during peak times, and any further significant increase would worsen congestion, extend travel times, and increase road safety risks at junctions and crossings. This level of additional traffic is inappropriate for a rural village with limited infrastructure.

4. Pressure on Local Services

An increase of 120 houses represents a potential population increase of around one-third for the immediate locality. This is wholly disproportionate and would place unsustainable strain on key public services, including GP practices, NHS provision, schools, and community facilities, that are already overstretched.

There is currently no capacity within local health services to absorb a sudden influx of residents, and no clear mitigation has been proposed.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, dangerous access, unacceptable risk to SEN school pupils, severe traffic impact, and unsustainable pressure on health and community services, I urge the planning authority to reject this application in its current form. The proposal is inappropriate for the location and fails to protect both the community and its most vulnerable members.

Kind regards