

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/12/2025 8:52 PM 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:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>Even at 120 homes, the scheme would impose pressures this area cannot accommodate. The impacts would be widespread and largely negative.</p> <p>Transport Constraints and Road Safety: Local roads are narrow, unlit and already hazardous. Kent Highways has previously recognised their limitations. Additional traffic from 120 homes would overload routes never designed for sustained two-way commuter use, leading to congestion and increased accident risk. Walking and cycling are not realistic alternatives given current conditions.</p> <p>Drainage, Runoff and Flooding: The site currently helps absorb surface water. Developing it would increase runoff into a drainage system that already struggles in heavy rain. No convincing evidence shows that extra water volumes could be managed without heightening flood risk on or off site.</p> <p>Green Belt and Landscape Harm: The scheme encroaches on Green Belt land, eroding openness and contributing to settlement sprawl. A 120-home estate would significantly alter local landscape character, with no exceptional circumstances to justify Green Belt harm.</p> <p>Biodiversity and Protected Species: The site forms part of a valuable habitat network supporting species including bats, hedgehogs, owls and badgers. Construction, lighting and habitat loss would cause fragmentation, and the proposed ecological measures are inadequate.</p>
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Pollution and Environmental Quality: Extra vehicle trips would worsen air quality, including around nearby schools. Noise, construction disturbance and increased lighting would further degrade the environment for both residents and wildlife.

Cumulative Development Pressure: There would be a hugely increased strain on roads, drainage and the countryside. The combined impact pushes local capacity beyond acceptable limits.

Local Services and Infrastructure: GPs, schools, emergency services, utilities and limited public transport are already stretched. No credible plan shows how they would cope with additional demand from 120 homes.

Sustainability and Car Dependence: The site lacks nearby amenities and viable public transport. Residents would remain heavily car-dependent, contrary to planning goals for sustainable, well-served locations.

Conclusion: Across transport, flooding, Green Belt impact, biodiversity, pollution, infrastructure and sustainability, the proposal fails to meet basic planning requirements. The site is fundamentally unsuitable for this level of development, especially given the availability of brownfield alternatives in Gravesham.

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Kind regards