

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 10:25 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] Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Traffic LONGFIELD ROAD and A227

A227, the Developer refers on page 28 to" Heavy traffic along Wrotham Road is also a negative feature, with no concessions made to the road passing through a conservation area."

Page 29 again refers toWrotham Road and heavy traffic.

In Meopham, there are currently 4 proposed developments, in very close proximity, totalling 1,330 homes, plus proposed developments at Culverstone and Istead Rise. Plus a further 2000 homes proposed in Borough Green, future Borough Green residents will come along the A227 to get to their main shopping centre at Bluewater.

The Developer fails to provide any data on how many additional car journeys their estate will have, let alone the number from all 4 sites.

The proposed access arrangements for the Longfield Road development are extremely dangerous and liable to lead to serious accidents involving primary School and or, SEN children all whom may be less aware of the dangers of this busy and congested series of exits, entrances, road junctions etc.

The proposal is so ill thought through and misguided that it must bring into

question all the other comments and proposals included in the design statement.

Page 42 The two sites include an area of land suitable for public parking. Not according to the Independent review of the Wrotham Road proposal, page 50.

- The proposal to provide parking within the site to service the Parade is laudable but possibly not practical due to physical separation from the shops.

- Note THE WROTHAM ROAD OUT LINE PART 2 PLANS FOR THE CROSSING POINT TO THE SHOPS REDUCES THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES IN THE PARADE, MAKING PARKING EVEN WORSE.
Bus services are very limited, erratic and poorly used.

Brown field Sites

The planning Rules clearly state that brownfield sites should be prioritised first for new housing developments.

What is the negative cost of leaving derelict brownfield sites vacant on the economy of Gravesend? Which is dying due to a lack of investment.

Building on Gravesend's brownfield sites would rejuvenate the town centre by providing more local residents, who would live within walking distance of the shops, restaurants and public transport.

THERE ARE BROWNFIELD SITES IN GRAVESEND, that are not being developed, because they are supposedly not financially viable compared to GREEN BELT development.

Developers must be incentivised to build on Brownfield sites.

Building homes in Meopham will not result in more people shopping in Gravesend.

High Grade Agricultural Green Belt Land and Food Supply

Green belt, high quality agricultural land must not be designated as Grey belt.

Food is being flown to the UK from all over WORLD.

Climate change is affecting the whole world, resulting in droughts and crop failures.

Ukraine war continues to threaten the viability of a major grain supplier.

Despite all the uncertainty surrounding future food supply, rising costs and the implications of transporting food around the world, OUR politicians believe DEVELOPERS should be allowed to build on prime agricultural land. This can only make us more reliant on others for our future food supply.

Insect life in Kent continues to plummet according to the 2025 Bugs Matter" Splat Survey". The number of flying bugs in KENT having fallen by 66% in just 5 years.

The GREEN BELT must be safeguarded for future food production and the protection of the environment. Once the land has been built on it is lost forever.

Flooding

Page 41. The FRA confirms the site is in Flood Zone 1. The site is at a low risk of surface water flooding and at a low risk of flooding from all other sources

including groundwater and artificial sources.

Page 42 . Gently falling topography to the north with potential for locating sustainable drainage.

Page 42 Provide sustainable forms of drainage (SUDS) to the north of the site at its lowest point.

Page 49. ...creation of wetland features and drainage basins.

THERE SEEMS TO BE SIGNIFICANT COMMETS ABOUT DRAINAGE FOR A SITE WHICH HAS A LOW FLOOD RISK.

ALSO IS IT ADVISABLE TO HAVE WETLAND FEATURES SO CLOSE TO BOTH A PRIMARY AND A SEN SCHOOL?

Affordable Housing Needs

Page 14 of The Design Document quotes "The Meopham Rural Housing Needs Assessment 2020" and provides details of the existing mix of houses.

The Developer does not however mention that the " Meopham Rural Housing Needs Assessment 2020" also states the actual number of affordable homes needed by Meopham Residents showed:-

A need for up to 21 affordable homes for the following local households were identified: - 10 single people - 6 couples - 4 families - 1 other type of household (extended family)

Overall, the survey has identified a need for 25 affordable homes, 4 of which are for older households.

GP, Hospital and Schools Capacity

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There are currently insufficient GPs for the 10,000 plus Meopham residents.

Darent Valley Hospital already struggles to meet the needs of the area. Dartford and Ebbsfleet are due to build a further 10,000 homes.

I was in hospital 12 months ago, when the A2 was blocked, ambulances, staff, patients and visitors could not get to, or away from the hospital.

These new facilities will need yet more land to be sacrificed.

Kind regards