

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 22/03/2026 8:52 AM 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:	Blenheim Close Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I Object to the outline planning permission to build 725 homes on land at Norwood Lane/Camer Road Meopham for the following reasons: The site is Greenbelt, Grade 2 Agricultural Land with several biodiverse woodland copses including Blundells Shaw with significant amounts of wildlife. I have been a resident for 40 years and have seen barn owls, swifts, bats, badgers, buzzards, red kites and other birds of prey amongst a myriad of flora and fauna in this area whilst walking the fields and footpaths. Planners have a duty to safeguard the countryside and protect natural habitats, ancient ecosystems to ensure the flight paths of birds and hunting grounds for mammals and habitats are not destroyed. The area is next to Camer Park and Kent Downs National Landscape and the Conservation area of Hook Green. No amount of mitigation will alleviate the potential damage due to increased air and light pollution by this proposed huge development. This development would mean urban sprawl merging the Hook Green area of Meopham with the village of Sole Street. This land needs to remain open permanently to prevent urban sprawl.
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I object as the unique character of Sole Street and Meopham will not be preserved as this development is not the only proposed development in the village of Meopham which if all passed would mean a potential 1500 new homes.

Consideration must be given to the fact that there are 5 sites in Meopham and 5 sites in Istead Rise where planning applications are being considered totalling approximately 1800 new homes with 1500 proposed in Meopham alone. The infrastructure just will not cope.

Transport systems in Meopham are poor there are no disabled lifts for the bridge at Meopham Station and there is no safe cycling routes to link to larger towns. Traffic accessing and leaving the parade of shops by Longfield Road creates a hazard I have witnessed several accidents there over the years and this will only become more dangerous with increased traffic due to new developments. The A227 is struggling with the amount of traffic at the moment regular temporary traffic lights cause mayhem for villagers with traffic blocking the country lanes and waits of sometimes up to an hour to travel from Meopham to Istead Rise at peak school/working times. Increased traffic in the area with an additional 1800 homes with a probable average of 2 cars or more per property would be catastrophic for current residents and users of the A227 and country lanes. When there are problems on the A2 or M20 cars flood onto the A227 making it congested and impossible to pull out of existing residential streets in Meopham and can be really dangerous. The lower Thames crossing will increase this traffic and this needs to be considered too. When it rains there has historically been significant flooding at Hook Green and on Wrotham Road by Norwood Lane, open fields capture this rainwater so building on these fields will make the problem worse.

There is not sufficient infrastructure to accommodate new housing - the doctors surgery is at capacity as stated in letters from Istead Rise GPs and Meopham Medical Centre, Darent Valley hospital is also at capacity and struggling to meet demand.

Another issue is water supply and sewerage. Water companies are struggling to provide enough water with hosepipe bans each summer with current housing demands. For example South East Water have recently told Tonbridge and Malling Council that there simply isn't enough water to supply this level of house building demanded by the Government. This will become an issue for all water companies with this level of demand.

Kind regards