

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/09/2025 8:40 AM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

Address:	Blackthorn Farm Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for up to 100No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matter reserved except for access and creation of a new access from A227/South Street.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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## Customer Details

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

## Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

### Reasons for comment:

Comments: I have two key objections to this proposed development. One is the loss of biodiversity. There is an ancient woodland on site and as defined by the NPPF - this is not been keeping with protecting green belt. My understanding ,and I hope this has been evidenced by other residents, is that there are bats on site which are protected by UK law? My key concern is the traffic impact . There is already insufficient infrastructure and services along the A227 to support the community and a further development of 100 houses which could possibly increase car use by 2.5 per house is quite unacceptable. I'm sure planning have noted the ongoing issues along this road notably water pipe bursts and several very large sink holes.- the latter of which seem to be ongoing and unpredictable. This has resulted in immense traffic congestion often from the bottom of the Wrotham road through to Meopham Green. Traffic congestion results in both noise and air pollution. We have three schools along the A227- this pollution is no good for our children. The road was recently closed between the Wrotham roundabout and Vigo hill (water work issues)resulting in complete congestion in all the neighbouring lanes. Satellite navigation was taking completely inappropriate vehicles around the lanes it was an absolutely impossible situation. Due to the timing and volume of traffic what should have been perhaps a 45 minute journey from Orpington Hospital to Meopham took me 3 1/2 hours travelling via Hadlow / Cuxton due to traffic unbelievable congestion. So further cars entering the A227 possibly at school time and coming home from work would increase the already congested road. In actual fact around 7-9 am and 5-7 pm the road is incredibly busy and if and when there are traffic lights/ road works and or a breakdown or accident the whole road from Wrotham roundabout through to the tollgate should be avoided .

I must also mention my concern ref flooding. East of the site dips into the valley alongside Heron Hill lane. Rhododendron Avenue runs parallel to the A227 and has increasing flooding . This development would further increase that risk. Can you please be noted that after treacherous rainfall a car with passengers was

carried down Heron Hill Lane and it was a life threatening situation. More flooding concerns.

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Kind regards