

# 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 9:43 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] Kent

## Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:</p> <p>Infrastructure Failures</p> <p>The A227 suffers frequent disruption from burst pipes, drains, and utility works, resulting in traffic being diverted through narrow lanes, which gridlock easily.</p> <p>Current infrastructure is not fit for purpose, and extra housing will make it worse.</p> <p>The A227 is already dangerous, with frequent accidents. In 2024, several school children were injured, one severely, in a collision opposite the proposed development entrance.</p> <p>Access is planned next to where police speed vans are often stationed, confirming the dangers.</p> <p>Extra traffic will worsen safety and congestion.</p> <p>Pedestrian Safety will be compromised as the public footpaths are limited and unsafe. Pedestrians must cross the A227 several times to use existing paths.</p> <p>Additional residents will increase the risk of accidents.</p> <p>Most households own two cars, meaning at least 200+ vehicles from new residents in this development alone.</p> <p>Visitors and school traffic will add further demand.</p> <p>Parking is already a problem, with cars blocking pavements and narrowing the A227, delaying buses and HGVs.</p>

many families to drive further afield to take their children to school as there will be no places for them in the village / or local surrounding villages.

GP appointments already take up to 4 weeks; additional residents will increase delays.

Drainage, transport, and local services cannot cope with extra demand.

Surface water run-off risks from the proposed site will worsen with this proposed development, overwhelming drains and raising flood hazards.

The site is undeveloped and should not be classed as "grey belt."

Culverstone Green's rural character would be harmed, including harm to the nearby ancient woodland directly next to the site.

Protected species (bats, newts, birds) would lose vital habitats.

Planning Policy - Green/grey belt land exists to prevent urban sprawl and protect rural areas.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires a "brownfield-first" approach. Gravesham's register identifies 43 brownfield sites that should be used before green or grey belt land.

This application threatens safety, overwhelms local infrastructure, harms wildlife, and undermines planning policy. I urge Gravesham Borough Council to reject the proposal and prioritise brownfield development in line with the NPPF.

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Kind regards