

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/12/2025 9:38 PM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

Address:	Land At Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0AA
Proposal:	Outline application for the erection of up to 350 residential dwellings , public open space and associated works. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Wrotham Road and all other matters are reserved.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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## Customer Details

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

## Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p><b>1. HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC IMPACT</b></p> <p>Access to 350 new homes generating more traffic 700+ vehicles plus delivery and service vehicles would place more pressure on A227 which is already too busy and on Green Lane which is a narrow country lane. This area of Wrotham Road is already heavily congested, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times, due to the schools opposite the A227 and the nearby local shops. Parking availability at the shops is already often impossible due to limited bays and inadequate overspill car park. Several shops are "long stay" eg nail bar, hairdressers and 2 cafes. The proposed development would exacerbate these issues even further.</p> <p><b>2. EXISTING CONGESTION ON THE A227 GENERALLY</b></p> <p>The A227 regularly becomes gridlocked during morning school hours. The additional traffic associated with this development would intensify these delays and further reduce road efficiency. This development would entail 2 more roads feeding into the A227 Wrotham Road (I believe the Council decided some time ago not to allow further access onto the A227 South of Meopham Green because of these sorts of concerns).</p> <p>Green Lane would also have to be widened, ruining the rural nature of the road, and a roundabout put in at the junction of Tradescant Drive and Green Lane where the proposed new road into the development from Green Lane is proposed. This would cause more traffic chaos and pollution especially at school drop off and picking up times.</p> <p>Both the above points would lead to increased emission fumes from additional</p>
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traffic, as well as noise and serious access and parking concerns. Parents already park on the A227 to drop off their children, causing gridlock. This could be expected to get a lot worse.

### 3. GREEN BELT CONCERNS

The land is within the Green Belt and should therefore be protected from development in order to preserve openness and prevent urban sprawl.

This high grade land is currently used for agriculture and has been farmed for centuries. The site is beautiful open countryside opposite Camer park, which has established trees surrounding the field that should be preserved for the benefit of the environment and future generations. Meopham is a village not a town and this sort of development is wholly inappropriate.

### 4. PRESSURE ON INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC SERVICES

As well as increasing road traffic, this development would place further pressure on essential local infrastructure and services including schools, doctors, hospitals, public transport, drainage systems, and statutory authorities, all of which are already operating under constrained conditions. Also pedestrian access could be difficult (limited pavements linking surrounding areas), and cycle access unsafe (no cycle lanes).

In particular, the local GP practice is already under considerable strain, with residents finding it increasingly difficult to secure appointments. The proposed development is likely to increase demand beyond the practice's current capacity. Darent Valley Hospital is also already stretched to breaking point.

### 5. IMPACT ON CONSERVATION AREAS

The site borders designated conservation areas, and development would have a detrimental effect on their character, setting, and ecological value.

### 6. LOSS OF HIGH QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LAND

The site comprises high-grade agricultural land that has been actively farmed for centuries. Development would permanently remove this productive land from agricultural use, which seems like madness.

### 7. REDUCTION IN LOCAL FOOD-PRODUCING FARMLAND

The loss of this substantial agricultural site would reduce the area's contribution to local and national food production.

### 8. ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIODIVERSITY IMPACTS

Development would result in the loss of flora, fauna, and established wildlife habitats, negatively affecting local biodiversity.

### 9. CHANGE TO THE CHARACTER OF MEOPHAM VILLAGE

The proposed development would markedly alter the rural, village character of Meopham, effectively transforming it into a more urbanised settlement, which is wrong. This is an especially important concern given the number of planning applications currently before the council (3) and another in the pipeline (land north-west of Norwood Lane towards Sole Street). It seems the developers are more keen to develop the green belt to increase profits than to utilise more appropriate land, eg Harbour Village in Northfleet, which would fulfil the Council's quota of new homes without damaging the green belt and rural village of Meopham. Presumably, they can command higher prices per unit in Meopham than they could in Northfleet. Developers should not be permitted to exploit the green belt and damage the environment, when far more suitable sites are available, just to increase their profits.

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Kind regards