

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 9:51 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] MEOPHAM, GRAVESEND

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

1. HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC IMPACT
Access to 120 new homes generating more traffic 240+ vehicles plus delivery and service vehicles would place more pressure on Longfield Road and junction with the A227 which is already too busy and Longfield Road is a rural lane. Nevertheless it is already overused by heavy vehicles going to the weigh bridge at Green St Green. the 50mph speed limit on Longfield Road would also make joining the highway from the new development dangerous.

The area near the A227 is also already heavily congested, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times, due to the schools and 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.

2. EXISTING CONGESTION ON THE A227 GENERALLY
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.

Both the above points would lead to increased emission fumes from additional traffic, as well as noise and serious access and parking concerns. Parents already park on the A227 and Longfield Road to drop off their children, causing

gridlock. This could be expected to get a lot worse.

3. IMPACT ON PUPILS AT HELEN ALLISON SCHOOL

This is a SEN school with sensitive pupils, depends on an atmosphere of calm and low noise environment, likely to cause stress on vulnerable children.

4. 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 with established trees which 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.

5. 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.

6. IMPACT ON CONSERVATION AREAS

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIODIVERSITY IMPACTS

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

10. 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.

