

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/12/2025 10:09 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land West Of Norwood Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0YE
Proposal:	Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a development of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class C3), including affordable dwellings, and associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure works.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

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

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	<p>I am writing to formally object to Planning Application Ref. 20251116 for the proposed development of 150 houses west of Norwood Lane, with access onto Green Lane near the junction with the A227. My objections are outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Highway Safety and Dangerous Access The proposed access point onto Green Lane is wholly unsuitable. Green Lane is a narrow rural lane with restricted visibility and no capacity for increased traffic. Introducing access for 150 dwellings (potentially 300+ vehicles plus delivery and service traffic) will create a severe risk of accidents, particularly near the A227 junction. No evidence has been provided that the access design meets required safety standards.Traffic Congestion and Infrastructure Overload The A227 is already heavily congested and frequently gridlocked when incidents occur on nearby major roads. Adding 150 houses, alongside other pending applications, could result over 1,440 additional cars using the A227 as their main route. Local side roads are inadequate for diversions, and the Lower Thames Crossing will further increase traffic pressure. As someone that lives on Wrotham Road I see every day the extreme traffic build up in rush hour. I am extremely concerned about the additional air pollution especially having a young family. Increasing the amount of cars on this road raises the risk to childrens safety with large lorry's already using it as a cut-through.Loss of High-Grade Agricultural Land The site comprises high-quality farmland that contributes to local food production. Development would permanently remove productive land, increasing reliance on
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imported food, which contradicts sustainability and food security objectives.

4. Green Belt Policy Violation

The land is designated Green Belt and has not been released from the Green Belt boundary. Development would undermine the purpose of the Green Belt: preventing urban sprawl and preserving rural character.

5. Cumulative Impact of Multiple Applications

This application cannot be considered in isolation. Combined with other proposals (including Blackthorn Farm), the cumulative effect would increase Meopham's population by one-third. Such growth would overwhelm local infrastructure, transport, and community services.

6. Public Transport and Sustainability

Meopham and Sole Street stations already experience overcrowding during peak hours, with commuters standing. Bus services are limited and unreliable, making car dependency inevitable, which conflicts with sustainable development principles.

7. Pressure on Health and Community Services

GP surgeries and NHS services in the area are already overstretched. Adding hundreds of new residents will exacerbate waiting times and reduce access to essential healthcare. The Meopham GP Surgery can't cope as it is now.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the Planning Authority to refuse this application. The proposal is contrary to the principles of sustainable development, highway safety, and Green Belt protection, and would have a severe negative impact on the local community and environment. Thank you for considering my objections.

Kind regards