

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/12/2025 6:27 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] Denesway Meopham Meopham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	

Comments: I object to Planning Ref. 20251116 for the proposed development west of Norwood Lane. The road network in this part of Meopham is already under significant strain, with many drivers using the A227 as a cut-through during delays on nearby major routes. When incidents occur, the area becomes gridlocked, and the narrow lanes are simply not designed to accommodate heavy traffic or large service vehicles. The addition of 150 more homes, together with hundreds of extra car journeys and deliveries, would intensify these problems and present serious safety concerns.

Local transport provision is already inadequate, with limited bus services and rail commuters regularly facing overcrowding on peak-time trains from Meopham and Sole Street stations. An increase in population of this scale would place yet more pressure on already overstretched GP practices and NHS services, leaving essential community infrastructure unable to cope. The loss of productive farmland is also a significant concern. This land has historically contributed to food production, and reducing local farmland makes communities more dependent on imports, which in turn increases the carbon footprint associated with transporting food long distances.

The environmental impact of the proposed development cannot be ignored. The surrounding area provides habitat for a variety of species typical of mixed farmland and hedgerow ecosystems. According to Natural England, UK hedgerows support over 1,500 species of insects, 600 species of wild plants, and

around 130 species of birds, making them one of the most important biodiversity assets in the countryside. Removing or fragmenting these habitats would cause a measurable decline in local biodiversity and further degrade the ecological quality of the area.

<https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/uk-bap-priority-habitats/>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/habitats/hedgerows/>

Considering the cumulative impacts of traffic, infrastructure strain, environmental harm, and loss of farmland, this development is not suitable or sustainable for this location and should be refused.

Kind regards