

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 7:47 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] Wrotham Road Meopham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	<p>I am a local resident and have lived here for [REDACTED]. This application will severely affect the lives of every resident in Meopham and the surrounding areas and I object to this application on many grounds.</p> <p>Firstly, as I understand it, this application is still in the Local Plan as a Green Belt site so development of the site is inconsistent with the Local Plan and is totally against the purpose of land being designated as Green Belt. The creation of Grey Belt designation is purely designed to get round, to the detriment of our environment, the purposes of Green Belt designation. The National Planning Policy Framework highlights the purposes of the Green Belt and this proposal is counter to several of those primary purposes there within being the prevention of urban sprawl, the prevention of merging, safeguarding the countryside and loss of character. Anyone considering the effect of this development would see this to be the case on all those counts. I do not believe that there is any evidence that the proposed development meets the requirement of exceptional circumstances to allow building on Green Belt land. To allow development such as this fundamentally weakens the integrity of the wider Green Belt.</p> <p>On a practical level I fail to see that there is a proven need for this development. The lack of local infrastructure makes this development unsustainable. The impact on traffic will be huge and even currently the amount of traffic congestion is both horrendous and a cause for concern with respect to the safety of both motorists and pedestrians - this will be worsened tremendously with the additional traffic. Access into and out of the development will in my opinion be unsafe particularly given its proximity to local schools and local shops. The traffic</p>

situation currently is awful and will only get worse.

Other infrastructure issues will be caused by the increased population in the village. Already public services, healthcare services and school provision is inadequate for the existing residents. Public transport and the roadwork is already inadequate and that problem will be exacerbated by the increased population. Anyone that uses the A227 and the surrounding roads will know that traffic is often at a standstill particularly if there are issues with either the A2 or the M20 when the village is used as a rat run to avoid those problems.

The quality of life for local people will be affected considerably. The development will overlook many existing properties causing loss of privacy, loss of sunlight and the actual mass of new build property will be oppressive and visually dominant and not in keeping with the locality. There will also be a huge increase in noise levels and pollution, of both light and air, resulting from the development affecting the whole of Meopham.

The effect of the development on our environment will be considerable and should not be dismissed. There will be a loss of biodiversity through the loss of important habitats for wildlife including the removal of mature trees and hedgerows. I understand that the site may suffer from contamination and believe that the developers proposed plan to mitigate this is not sufficient and may pose a risk to both the wider environment and peoples health.

To sum up this development is not required in this area with no locally identified need for additional housing. In the [REDACTED] plus years that I have lived here I have seen the traffic situation deteriorate considerably to a point where it is becoming unsustainable already. This development will significantly compound that situation and when put alongside the other many environmental and quality of life issues for existing residents I cannot in any way support this application.

Kind regards