

Gravesend and Darenth Parish Council

Planning Services

4th Floor Civic Centre

Windmill Street

Gravesend

Kent. DA12 1AU

4 December 2025

Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Planning Application – 20251116 Land West of Norwood Lane, Meopham

I am writing to register my objection to the above application for the following reasons:

The land earmarked is a prime agricultural site which has been farmed for many years. The country will need land of this calibre to produce food for the ever growing population.

This land is also home to Badgers, Bats and Owls that is without researching any other protected wildlife nesting in this area.

Green Lane – where the entrance to this development is proposed – is a narrow lane. That is all it is. It gets very busy in rush hour as traffic uses this as a cut through if the A2, M20 or M2 are blocked. Which is a frequent occurrence. Accidents happen all the time and the road becomes very dangerous to walk along. The trees that border this road were protected by a TPO to ensure the area maintained the rural feel that Meopham has. If these trees are removed Wildlife suffers and the air and noise pollution will increase together with the speed of the traffic making this even more dangerous for pedestrians walking to Camer Park and smaller road users.

Our schools are at capacity every intake. Children walk to school and have to cross the busy A227 using zebra crossings at only a few points. Traffic does not always stop. If you were to partition the schools they would confirm this matter as children and families have nearly been knocked down on a daily basis. The increase in traffic will make the A227 a huge hazard for all in the community.

This development does not stand alone. There are three proposed for the area and together these will have a huge impact on Safety, Environment and Aesthetics across the whole village.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to seeing how the council deals with the issues raised, not only by me but by the community of Meopham as a whole.

