

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/01/2025 4:43 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land Adjacent To 35 Clarence Place Gravesend Kent DA12 1LB
Proposal:	Erection of a 4 storey building comprising of 4no flats.
Case Officer:	Mr Ethan Bonthron

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Bronte View Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I object on the grounds of the significant disruption of green space that this development would impose. The area in question is part of the overall natural space in Windmill Gardens, a tranquil park where I, and many people (young and old), spend significant amounts of time throughout the year. The area the applicants wish to annexe is wild and undeveloped, full of brambles, trees, wildflowers and grasses, and is a haven for insects, birds and other fauna in a way that is not possible within the more manicured and tamed parts of the Gardens. Using the Merlin app on my regular walks, I have recorded birdsong issuing from the green space in question that I have not heard anywhere else in the neighbourhood -- for example, mistle thrushes and blackcaps. I understand that housing is scarce, but in a town where such natural spaces are rare overall, and which contains a massive number of neglected brownfield areas that could otherwise be improved for housing, it seems silly to shoehorn a small block of flats into such a small area and in the process of doing so, wiping out so much nature. I also question why the planning application has gone ahead without a plan to offset the net loss in habitation. The applicant's own commissioned ecological report shows that this plan is in violation already, with 25% net loss of habitat grossly exceeding the limit of 10%. I also question the motivation for initiating this over a period when many people are away for the holidays and might struggle to submit their comments by the deadline. In an era when our green spaces are steadily shrinking, it's never been more important to preserve the little we have.
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Kind regards