

Dear Mr Adeoye Lawal,

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I wish to make an objection to the proposed enlargement at Istead Rise with the construction of 154 new dwellings, this would increase the population of Istead Rise of approximately between 300 and 550, this would take into the size of the families that would be there.

I very much doubt that the current facilities in Istead Rise would be able to sustain such an increase in population, the number of shops are limited, as is space for further facilities, therefore there would be a greater amount of traffic to journey to Gravesend by car as the current bus service is at present woeful, this current service would have to be improved and re-routed to accommodate the new area of housing, as a result of this, would those who live on the current route still be able to use this service, as it is doubtful that there would be an improvement in timings to cater for current users.

The positioning within Istead Rise of the proposed development would also mean ascending either Upper Avenue, Arcadia or Flowerhill Way, in the winter should there be snow, difficulties could be experienced because of the gradients on these roads. For any new residents without their own transport, the distance from the proposed new development up to the small number of shops and surgery would be difficult for young mothers with buggies and senior citizens, or those with a disability, not all families have mobility access, even in this day and age.

There is also the factor regarding medical facilities, the current surgery would in future have to deal with the increased numbers thus increasing the pressure for medical services caused by the new residents, at present it is not easy for some current residents to obtain an appointment, the increased numbers would only add to these difficulties, to the detriment of all.

As a long time resident of Istead Rise, I can foresee the many problems that will occur regarding this expansion, hopefully no doubt very careful consideration will be taken before a decision is made, either on the current proposal or on an amended one, at my age, 84, whatever the outcome, I am unlikely to see any further development wherever in Istead Rise it may take place, but that should not stop me thinking of all the current residents and the problems that are present in any expansion which would be to their detriment.

Yours sincerely,

