

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/05/2025 6:59 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Northfleet School For Girls Hall Road Northfleet Gravesend Kent DA11 8AQ
Proposal:	Construction of floodlit synthetic turf pitch with perimeter fencing, acoustic fencing, spectator areas and access paths; installation of flood lighting around existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA); installation of storage container; and formation of landscaped bund.
Case Officer:	Mrs Kelly Joyce

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Riversdale Northfleet Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	STRONGLY object. The use of a 3G (AGP) pitch which uses rubber or organic crumb. Microplastic granules, often made from old car tyres, which may contain chemicals like lead and mercury that are possibly carcinogenic and can easily escape down drains, waterways, build up in soil and cause harm to wildlife. Microplastics can leach harmful chemicals and toxic heavy metals into the environment [fidra]. The pitch can become significantly hotter than natural grass, contributing to the urban heat island effect, increasing local air temperatures - in an already overheated area. It can become waterlogged and therefore requires significant maintenance. Lifespan only 10 years so end-of-life recycling can be problematic, potentially leading to more plastic waste. 3G pitches ban will mean that from 2031 only natural performance infill materials will be permitted for use in synthetic turf systems, so why is GBC allowing the use of this, rather than being proactive and environmentally responsible? Significant concerns that once one pitch has been approved, that more will follow. Concerned at the size of the site at 0.643 ha which, coincidentally, is around the size of a football field. Light pollution - Floodlights - 8 columns of 2-3 lamps, 52 feet high, 200 lux, reaching 100-150 feet illumination is not suitable to be suddenly installed in a residential area where the areas were previously in the dark. Common examples of light pollution that can be considered a nuisance include any light that is unreasonably and substantially interfering with your use or enjoyment of your home; and this could be experienced 365 days a year, until at least 10pm every evening. Noise pollution - sadly, have to completely disagree with KCC Highways and Transportation, Euan Allen's comments to GBC on 11/2/2025 that "It is unlikely that this proposal will increase traffic generation to the site ..." - Hall Road is already a badly congested road, and this can only add to that; it being the main route to the local A&E Hospital and the biggest supermarket. Noise pollution already high with school events including use of tannoys, and at weekends with cheering, jeering and whistle blowing for training/matches etc; which could be extended to 365 days a year, until at least 10pm every evening. Seating will
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encourage those to linger for longer.

Environmental impact - concerns regarding the ecological impact including, but not limited to, bats, and foxes and hedgehogs which are frequent visitors in the road. Concerns regarding littering and the impact on the wildlife.

Services - concerns regarding the foul and surface water sewerage network, land contamination, seepage and collapse, with high risk of chalk deneholes and chalk dissolution features which can lead to instability in foundations, embankments, and pavements. Concerns regarding ground instability and deep bored soakways, and the impact on the surrounding areas.

Crime - concerns regarding crime if high-value equipment kept on site.

Other notes - this appears to be a commercial enterprise and profit-making for the academy, rather than a "grass roots" scheme.

Perhaps a more suitable location would be behind Meopham Secondary School.

So many properties have been built in the area that it's no wonder there is little or no space remaining for sports; but this should not mean that residents who purchased their homes in good faith - and have lived peacefully for years - should be suddenly encroached upon in this manner.

This is a very worrying time, which is having an impact on mental health as well as the potential financial impact.

Regards

Resident for over 3 decades - but yet not formally notified of proposal.

Kind regards