

8th January, 2026.

Ms. Adeoye Lawal,
Planning Officer
Gravesham Borough Council
Civic Centre
Gravesend
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Dear Ms. Lawal,

Reference: 20251233

I wish to register my concerns over the above planning application, for the following reasons :

1. Our Istead Rise doctors surgery, dental practice, and local hospitals are above their maximum capacity now and would not be able to cope with a large influx of people.
2. New Barn Road is single lane traffic in both directions and is already heavily congested with queues backing down to Downs Road for exit out of Istead Rise.
3. There is no safe walking from Istead Rise to New Barn, Southfleet or Northfleet.
4. Downs Road already floods frequently and would be far worse without the fields.
5. Local schools are at maximum capacity.
6. Why would you even consider taking away even more greenbelt land causing terrible consequences to the wildlife and protected species ?
7. The building of this development would significantly change the setting, character and heart of our Villages. Please think of the mental impact this would have on the residents of our Village.
8. With no train station, and very limited bus service it would significantly increase the parking problems already encountered daily and cause problems not only for normal drivers but horrendous difficulties for the Emergency Service's and council refuse collectors.
9. Chequers Close is next door to the school and the parking is at saturation level, and has caused accidents in the past. I, and the other residents of the Close have to time our exit and entry into our driveways because for 30 minutes twice a day the road is blocked with parked cars at the school pickup times. The Traffic Wardens have tried to police the situation in the past, but gave up.
10. We only have a limited number of shops in the village and parking is already a problem.
11. Surely you can see that this application in no way benefits either Istead Rise or New Barn Villages.
12. The only benefiteres are Esquire Developments and that is for financial gain only, which surely makes their application obscene, doesn't it?

Please, please do not agree to this application, it makes no sense at all and will cause so much stress, heartache and mental distress to so many residents.

Thanking you in anticipation,

