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Gravesham Borough Council
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18th January 2026

Dear Sir or Madam

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT. Reference 20251233

I wish to formally object to the proposed development of approximately 154 dwellings on farmland south of Downs Road, Istead Rise, for the following reasons.

1. INFRASTRUCTURE

This development would greatly increase vehicular traffic, raising concerns around congestion, road safety and air pollution. In addition, there is insufficient capacity in local schools and healthcare services despite what you have been told to the contrary.

All along Downs Road residents are experiencing congestion with roadside parking and school pickups and the junctions of the A227 and A2, one of the main access roads for Gravesend and the A2, already have long tail backs of traffic for much of the day. The proposal for a further 300 or more houses to be built at Camer Corner, Meopham, will also add to the traffic congestion along the A227, as well as to the insufficiency of places at local schools and doctors' surgeries.

2. LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

The development would result in the permanent loss of farmland, which is part of the rural landscape and the character of the area. This loss is unnecessary and contrary to the principle of protecting valuable agricultural land for future generations.

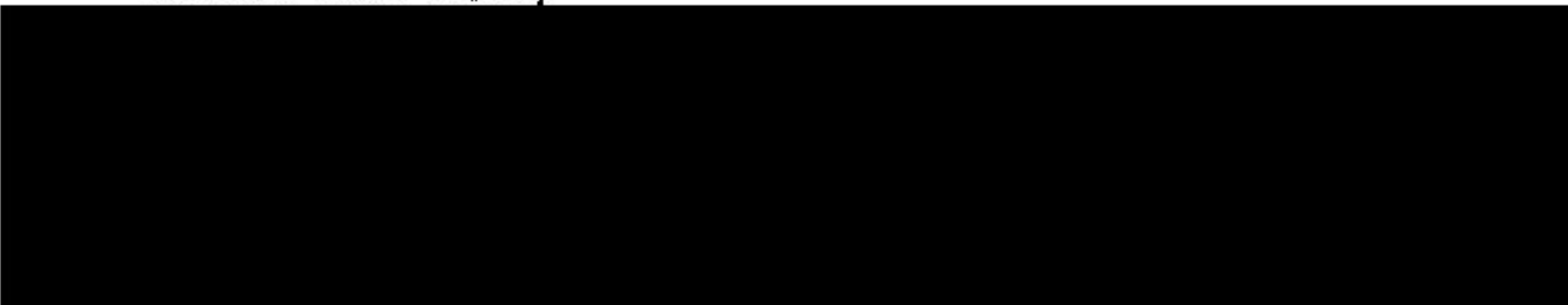
3. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The farmland and surrounding hedgerows provide habitats for wildlife. Development on this scale risks biodiversity loss and disruption to ecosystems.

4. SUSTAINABILITY AND PRECEDENT

Rather than developing open countryside, the Council should be looking at brownfield or infill sites. The type of development proposed is unsustainable and sets a damaging precedent for the loss of rural and green field spaces essential for future generations.

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