

Please post to: Adeoye Lawal, Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (stamp required)
(or can be left in secure drop box in Reception at Istead Rise Community Centre, Worcester Close, Istead Rise.)

Application Reference: 20251233		Case Officer: Adeoye Lawal
Location:	Land at Rose Farm, Downs Road, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent	
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the demolition of 64 Downs Road & erection of up to 154 residential dwellings & creation of a new access from Downs Road (Full details on Gravesham's Council's Website)	
I am:	Member of the Public ☒ (Age 18 or above)	Other:
My Title & Full Name:	[REDACTED]	
My address & postcode:	[REDACTED] THE KNOLE ISTEAD RISE NORTH FLEET KENT DA13 9DJ	

I wish to **object** to planning application number **20251233** for the reasons stated below:

- As public transport is virtually non-existent in Istead Rise due to a bus service that is very infrequent and no railway station, whoever moves into this new housing complex would need to rely on a car to travel around. This means that the roads in Istead Rise will be heavier with traffic and that applies to nearby roads like A227 and New Barn Road^{too} increasing the risk of accidents. If they are speeding in Istead Rise they will impact upon the safety of young children and other pedestrians.
- It is likely that parking in the new housing complex will be insufficient for the number of new residents with cars causing them to park in Down Road and other nearby roads. They are more than likely to park on pavements so which will impact on pushchairs, wheel chairs, mobility scooters, children and less mobile walkers causing them to have to go on the road to get around these parked vehicles which is extremely dangerous.
- More residents will result in more patients at the local doc's making it harder to obtain an appointment. It will mean an increase of custom to the local shops which

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Deadline for objections: 26/1/26

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will affect the parking. The car parks at the shops and doctors already become congested increasing the parking on pavements.

- This housing complex will mean a higher demand for places at the local primary school and other nearby secondary schools.
- This complex will destroy the local wildlife and farming lands plus increase exhaust fumes and noise. It will reduce the greenery in the area and the scenic views across the fields for which Istead Rise is known. Istead Rise is also a self-contained estate but these new houses will move it closer to New Barn removing its uniqueness and the community of Istead Rise is already large enough; it does not require anymore houses and residents.