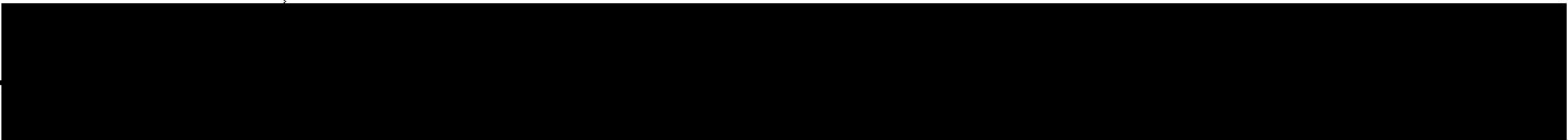
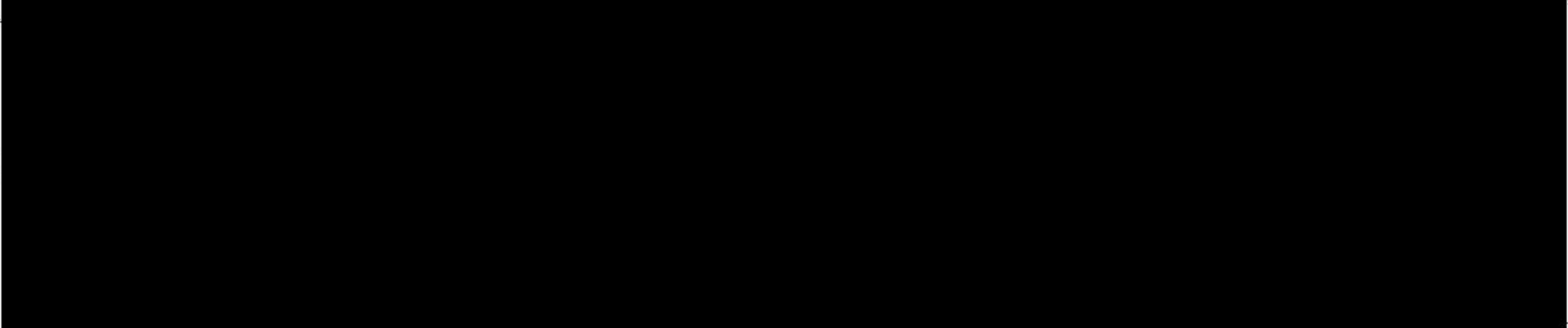
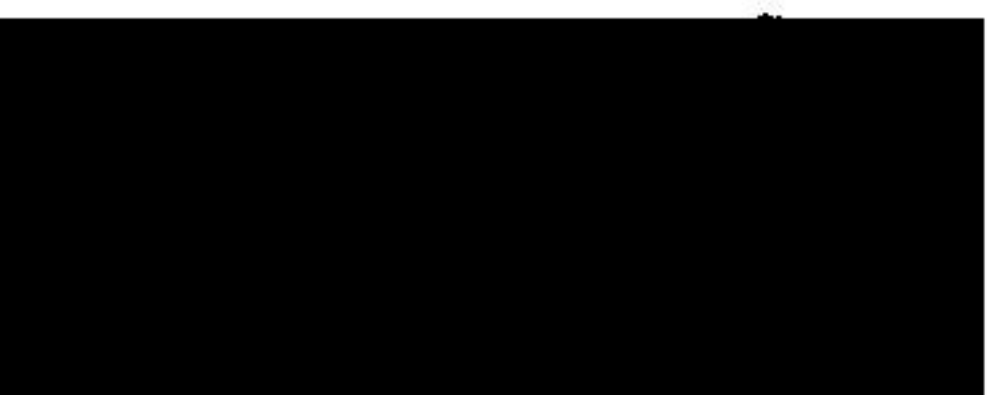


Please post to: Adeoye Lawal, Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (stamp required)
(or can be left in secure drop box in Reception at Istead Rise Community Centre, Worcester Close, Istead Rise.)

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:		
My address & postcode:		

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

Any idea that this build is appropriate is beyond belief. Where is the rationale that building this massive amount of houses on green fields? Where is the local need, certainly not for local people. The pressure this build will put on local amenities will be overwhelming. With restricted access to Istead Rise the impact of obvious increase in cars will cause without doubt serious issues being able to leave and enter Istead Rise. This is also an impact of the A227 and New Barn Road at already congested areas such as roundabouts to the A2 and Gravesend. It is a known fact that the Doctors and School are above capacity. This cannot be magically

Signed 

Deadline for objections: 26/1/26

Comments continued overleaf



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transformed by empty promises of a company interested only in its business venture.

Furthermore, the land on which this build is proposed is according to Natural England survey is of good to moderate grading and therefore is quality arable land used to grow crops of wheat, oats, rape and so on. It is not land to suffer destruction and its use changed beyond its proper use. There is also the destruction of established hedges which would take decades to replace if ever they were.

Where land is currently used for cattle and horse pasture does not detract from the fact that this remains Grade 3 farmland.

I question whether a full agricultural land classification survey has been commissioned, adhering to the MAFF (1988) revised guidelines and criteria by GBC? Just but not in anyway least is the impact of wildlife in the area which is reliant on the open space which they currently enjoy.

Finally, this community of Istead Rise has already had a build imposed upon it of a block of flats in Worcester Close. This build is completely out of place and according to local residents has blighted their homes. What architects show as pretty pictures does not necessarily reflect the actual build and this is a major cause for concern.