

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/03/2026 10:42 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Cherry Trees Ridge Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Retrospective change of use for the siting of 4 pitches for Gypsy / Traveller occupation to include one static, one touring caravan and one amenity building on each pitch. Associated changes in land levels and hard / soft landscaping.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Ridge Lane Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: During the Christmas holidays we were unable to access Ridge Lane via the route from Heron Hill for several hours due to a truck blocking Ridge Lane. This truck was tarmacking what very swiftly became several illegally occupied plots. The decision to undertake these works during the Christmas period when the council and anyone who had the ability to put a pause to it, was well planned and deceitful and sets the tone for the occupation of these plots.

Any development in the area is subject to the strict rules that come with living within green belt. Living within a green belt requires any development to adhere to planning rules, which allows development to be in keeping with the character of the area and not detract from the openness of the green belt setting. The process of obtaining planing approval includes consultation and design development with the LA, which does not appear to have been attempted given that the application is retrospective. The NPPF paragraph 89 states that the local authority should regard the construction of new buildings in green belt as generally inappropriate. The dense fencing in this instance I believe does detract from the openness of the countryside side setting and there has been no attempt to enhance and contribute to the street scene and special character of the area in any way.

Additionally, in this locale we are subject to the designation of plots as garden plots and so unsuitable for development, and plots that were determined as chalet plots and so viable for development.

This garden plots, which was covered in trees and other greenery, has been cleared for the purposes of this development. This has caused a loss of biodiversity, natural habitat and greenery in the green belt setting. There are potential flood risk and drainage implications of clearing away soil and trees, and replacing with impermeable concrete. These elements should be considered at design development stage when mitigation methods can be implemented into the design.

This is one plot with potentially several residents. The addition of multiple vehicles will put a strain on an already very constrained highway. Ridge Lane is a very narrow unadapted rural lane with poor visibility. It is unsuitable for heavy traffic and large vehicles. The roads leading to Ridge Lane, Heron Hill and Harvel Road are also very narrow, hilly, with bends and dense greenery to either side and very few passing places. Additional traffic will put a real strain, especially at peak times.

Lastly to note that there are alternative sites with pitches in the area, such as the very close Heron Hill site which appears less than 50% utilised. As alternative local capacity exists there is no special circumstances justification for the destruction of protected woodland.

Kind regards