

Please post to: Rebecca Harrison, 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: 20260649	Case Officer: Rebecca Harrison
Location:	Land North Of The Drove Way, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way.

I am:	A Member of the Public: (Age 18 or above) ☒	Neighbour of the site: ☐
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My Title & Full Name:	[REDACTED]
My address & postcode:	[REDACTED] ISTEAD RISE, GRAVESEND, KENT DA13 9JE

I wish to **object** to planning application number **20260649** for the reasons stated below:

Istead Rise is a small village with limited infrastructure, one junior school, GP surgery at maximum capacity, minimal shops and no daily bus route. It depends on 3 major exits to leave the village and if one is blocked it causes issues at the others. More housing will overwhelm roads, healthcare and basic services. The site planned is active farmland within greenbelt providing wildlife habitat, natural drainage, carbon absorption and a rural buffer between here and Gravesend. Building here would cause permanent environmental ^{loss} and directly undermine the purpose of greenbelt band, stopping urban sprawl and protecting village identity. School capacity is stretched with congestion morning and night, at the junior school, and the closest secondary being at Meopham. This is not walkable or reachable by bike meaning car or school bus is the only option. All causing more traffic. Istead Rise does not have the transport links, services or environmental resilience to support yet another planning proposal. This would damage the countryside, overload infrastructure and destroy the village's character. If you were to agree this proposal, you are taking away something (greenbelt) that you, your children and grandchildren could use.

Signed & dated:

(Deadline for objections: 2/9/26)

26/08/2026

Comments continued overleaf