

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 14/09/2025 3:15 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Brookers Farm Luddesdown Road Luddesdown Gravesend Kent DA13 0XE
Proposal:	Retention/installation of 57 wine tanks and grape presses.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Dakenden road Luddesdown

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I wish to register my strong objection to the above planning application on the following grounds: 1. Industrialisation of the Landscape This proposal represents the formal industrialisation of an area that has traditionally been agricultural in nature. The recent construction of a car park by the applicant carved into the landscape and complete with a barrier wholly out of keeping with the surrounding natural beauty, is already evidence of the shift away from farming towards industrial operations. 2. Increased Noise and Unsuitable Traffic The equipment listed in the proposal suggests a significant increase in noise and traffic levels. During the temporary operation of the site, there has already been a marked rise in heavy goods vehicle traffic on narrow, unsuitable country lanes, creating both safety hazards for road users (and specially local cyclists and walkers and horse riders) and disruption for residents. 3. Loss of Vegetative Habitats The supplementary information accompanying the application claims that the site contains no vegetative habitats. However, this appears to be because these habitats were already removed to make way for previous "temporary" building works. The claim therefore misrepresents the true environmental impact of the development. 4. Questionable Employment Benefits The applicant emphasises the creation of 150 new jobs for local people. However, observation suggests that most employees are migrant workers, casting doubt on whether the promised economic benefits to the local community will materialise. 5. Piecemeal and Misleading Planning Approach Planning consent for this development has been sought in a piecemeal manner-first via a retrospective application, then a temporary grant, and subsequently incremental increases in infrastructure (such as tanks) under permitted development rights. This approach appears designed to underplay the true scale and industrial nature of the operation. 6. Cumulative Harm to the Area The proposal is part of a wider trend in Luddesdown to erode the agricultural character of this beautiful landscape and replace it with an industrial operation. This would inevitably increase noise, light, and traffic pollution, damaging the rural environment and quality of life for residents. For the reasons set out above, I believe the proposed development is wholly
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inappropriate for this location and should be refused. It will cause lasting harm to the landscape, biodiversity, and rural character of the area, while providing minimal genuine benefit to the local community.

Kind regards