

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/09/2026 10:59 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Flowerhill Way Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam,I am writing to formally register my strong objection to the above-referenced planning application for the development of up to 100 dwellings north of The Drove Way. As a local resident, I am deeply concerned that this proposal represents unsustainable development that conflicts directly with both local planning policies and the capacity of our community.I urge the Planning Committee and case officer to refuse this application based on the following material planning considerations:1. Unsustainable Pressure on Local Infrastructure and Public ServicesThe addition of 100 new homes will place an unsustainable burden on Istead Rise's existing infrastructure, which is already operating at or over capacity. Local primary schools and GP surgeries are heavily subscribed, and residents face significant waiting times. The application fails to demonstrate how these critical community services will be expanded to cope with a sudden surge in population, violating policies aimed at ensuring infrastructure precedes or matches development2. Highway Safety and Traffic CongestionThe Drove Way and the surrounding road network are unsuited for the volume of traffic this development will inevitably generate. The addition of approximately 150-200 commuter and service vehicles will severely exacerbate congestion at key junctions, particularly during peak hours. Furthermore, the proposed access points introduce unnecessary highway safety hazards for existing motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians on roads that lack the width and visibility to safely absorb high-density traffic.3. Conflict with the Local Development Plan and Green OutlineThis proposal represents a major encroachment into agricultural land and
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open space that defines the rural character of Istead Rise. The scale and density of the development are entirely out of character with the established pattern of the village. Approving high-density urban expansion on this site undermines the integrity of Gravesham's local planning frameworks, which seek to direct substantial growth to brownfield sites and sustainable urban centers rather than eroding village boundaries.

4. Environmental and Ecological Impact

The development will result in the permanent loss of productive agricultural land and the destruction of established natural habitats. The site and its boundaries support diverse local wildlife, mature trees, and hedgerows that contribute significantly to the local ecosystem and biodiversity. The environmental mitigation measures proposed by the applicant are insufficient to offset the irreversible damage to local biodiversity and landscape character.

5. Impact on Residential Amenity

[Optional Section - delete if not applicable]

As a resident living in close proximity to the boundary, the proposed layout will result in an unacceptable loss of privacy, overlooking, and an overbearing visual impact on existing properties along [Insert your street name, e.g., The Drove Way]. The transition from open fields to a dense residential estate will severely degrade the residential amenity and quiet enjoyment currently experienced by immediate neighbors. For the reasons outlined above, this application constitutes unsustainable development that will cause demonstrable harm to the infrastructure, highway safety, and character of Istead Rise. I respectfully request that Gravesham Borough Council refuses planning permission for application 20260649.

Kind regards