

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/08/2026 11:45 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] The Drove Way Istead rise

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The site is greenbelt agricultural land.

This location is not currently on the draft Local Plan, although that is still subject to change.

Istead Rise remains an unsustainable location for large scale development and the greenbelt areas around it do not meet with the exceptional circumstances & golden rules for building on greenbelt. Eg/ no GP capacity, no train station & extremely limited non-daily bus service. It is a completely car dependent community.

The Council identified a need for ten affordable houses and twelve alternative homes for older households in their 2017 survey. Eight new flats in Worcester Close have since recently been completed.

The need to over-develop the valuable greenbelt & agricultural land around Istead Rise has not been demonstrated.

The draft Local Plan has 250 homes proposed for the precious greenbelt around Istead Rise and that is excluding this 100 home application!

Istead Rise residents are all too aware of the pressure on the roads here and on

the current infrastructure. Should we not be getting proper infrastructure in place before such applications are considered?

A one-off payment to the bus company is incredibly unlikely to result in a daily, full & comprehensive bus service on an ongoing basis!

The cumulative impact of all these planned developments around Istead Rise, Meopham and the proposed Data Centre in Southfleet is unlikely to be taken into consideration, which ofcourse it needs to be, but each site planning application is judged as an individual entity.

Will we have enough water? Our roads are already struggling with existing traffic levels!

I believe The Drove way can't and shouldn't be subjected to have a the traffic from another 100 houses that could easily result in another 200 plus car and vehicle movements in and out of the Drove way every day which is a cul de sac designed to be a quiet road where children can play on their bicycles and also horse riders often use the road as a through road from Hadlow Way

How far will people have to travel to see a GP?

Our own government has stated that the ability to grow our own food is a matter of national security, so is this huge loss of agricultural land really justified?

Like Rose Farm, this large scale application is inappropriate and does not benefit or reflect the needs of local people, quite the opposite! This should be more important than ticking a numbers box!

Kind regards