

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/08/2026 8:39 PM 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] Lyndhurst Way Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to object to planning application 20260649, which proposes up to 100 new homes on land north of The Drove Way, Istead Rise. I am concerned that the scale and location of this development would have a significant adverse impact on Istead Rise and the surrounding area. The Drove Way and surrounding roads already experience periods of congestion and increased traffic. Adding up to 100 homes would create significant additional vehicle movements. I am concerned about the effects on traffic flow, junction capacity, access, parking and pedestrian safety. The Council should also consider the cumulative impact of this proposal alongside other existing and proposed developments around Istead Rise, rather than assessing the application in isolation. The proposed location appears heavily dependent on private cars. Public transport options are limited, while walking and cycling connections to nearby facilities and settlements may not provide realistic alternatives for many journeys. The Council should therefore be satisfied that this is a genuinely sustainable location for a development of this scale and that safe and practical walking, cycling and public transport facilities can be provided.
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The development would result in the permanent loss of open countryside and agricultural land and would extend built development into an area that currently contributes to the rural character and openness around Istead Rise.

The Council should give substantial weight to the loss of openness and countryside and carefully consider whether the proposal meets the relevant national Green Belt policy tests.

The site and surrounding countryside provide habitats for wildlife and form part of the wider rural environment. I ask the Council to ensure that all impacts on trees, hedgerows, birds, bats, habitats and ecological connectivity are fully assessed.

Any proposed biodiversity improvements should not be allowed to obscure or outweigh the loss of an existing natural environment without robust evidence.

I am concerned that existing local infrastructure may not be sufficient to support another 100 homes. The Council should ensure that adequate provision is made for education, drainage, water, transport, open space and other essential infrastructure.

A development of up to 100 dwellings would represent a substantial expansion of the built-up area. I am concerned that its scale would be inappropriate for the character of Istead Rise and would significantly alter the relationship between the existing settlement and the surrounding countryside.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask Gravesham Borough Council to refuse planning application 20260649.

At a minimum, the Council should ensure that the highway, sustainability, Green Belt, biodiversity, infrastructure and cumulative-development impacts have been fully and independently assessed before any decision is made.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Kind regards