

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/12/2025 10:56 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: St Andrews Gardens Royal Pier Road Gravesend Kent DA12 2BD

Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation Area; [cr]8 x Horse Chestnut Trees (G1) removal of 3 x trees and grind out stumps; and thin crown, pollard, crown to remaining 5 trees. [cr]1 x London Plane Tree (T1) reduce crown height by 4-5m and lateral branches by 3-4m to rebalance crown. [cr]1 x Ash Tree (T2)- crown raise and lift over footpaths, prune to provide clearance from lamp post. [cr]1 x Tree of Heaven (T3) remove snapped-out branch. [cr]1 x Ash Tree (T4) remove small dead branches only. [cr]1 x Pear Tree (T5) fell to ground level due to decline/dying condition. [cr]1 x Sycamore Tree (T6) crown raise to 3m to clear pedestrian footpath, pollard tree to manage size and growth, monitor existing cavity/decay in main stem. [cr]1 x Sycamore Tree (T7) crown raise and pollard. [cr]1 x Sycamore Tree (T8) crown raise and pollard. [cr]1 x Cherry Tree (T9) remove to ground level replanting due to low quality.

Case Officer: Mrs Faye Walsh

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

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Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: The St Andrews Gardens trees are vital green canopy in an increasingly built up (concrete saturated) location. It is supposed to be a village green not a village grey. They provide important shade and habitat for bats and birds. And in a climate emergency, the last thing we should be considering is removing our precious veteran trees.
The complete removal of five of the largest park trees, and pollarding another nine, is a heavy handed intervention. It is excessive and will leave us with a collection of stumps, which will take decades to grow back. This amount of canopy removal just doesn't make sense unless you're a residential property developer who's paying for a view.

Any advice that these trees pose a risk to the public is wrong. Hundreds of local residents who use the park have demonstrated their opposition to these tree

reductions and removals in an online petition. Why not try something new
Gravesham Council? Do what the people want?

Kind regards