

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/05/2025 2:58 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House (sui generis) to Place of Worship or Religious Instruction (Class F1) at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the proposed conversion of The Peacock in Gravesend into a place of worship. While I respect the rights of all communities to practise their faith, this proposal raises significant and legitimate concerns relating to the character of the area, public safety, and infrastructure pressure-particularly with regard to parking and congestion. 1. Impact on Local Heritage and Character The building in question is a longstanding public house and forms part of the historic fabric of Gravesend. Its closure and conversion would represent a permanent loss of cultural and social value for the local community. Public houses have traditionally served as inclusive spaces for all residents, and their removal undermines the area's heritage and social cohesion. 2. Proven Issues With Parking and Congestion Experience from other sites-including the former Westcourt Pub in Gravesend, which was previously converted into a mosque-shows that such conversions place an unsustainable burden on local roads. Worshippers frequently park illegally, block driveways, and cause significant disruption, particularly during busy prayer times and festivals. These behaviours are not isolated incidents, but recurring and well-documented. Parking enforcement alone has failed to mitigate the issue, and this proposal risks replicating the same problems in another part of town, further reducing quality of life for nearby residents. 3. Pressure on Infrastructure and Community Tension The proposed location lies in an area with a densely populated residential community, including a significant number of Sikh households. While Gravesend is rightly proud of its diversity, it is vital that the council considers the impact of planning decisions on local harmony and community relations. Introducing a high-traffic religious site in an area already under pressure risks heightening
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existing sensitivities and, if not carefully considered, may lead to future tension.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined-heritage loss, proven parking and disruption issues, and potential social strain-I strongly urge the council to reject this planning application.

Kind regards