

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 3:26 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]

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I strongly support the application to convert the former pub into a community centre and Masjid in Gravesend. This proposal is deeply aligned with the principles of fairness and social unity that underpin British values. This building, which once served as a pub, is no longer fulfilling any purpose for the wider community. Rather than allow it to fall into disrepair or remain a symbol of neglect, a local group is seeking to bring life back into it - through a peaceful, legally compliant, and socially beneficial initiative. At its core, a Masjid is not just a place of prayer. It is a community anchor - a place where people of all ages, backgrounds, and professions gather for charity, learning, counselling, youth engagement, and neighbourly service. It is a centre of moral reform and social cohesion, and that is precisely what is proposed here. To object on the basis of religion, or fear of cultural difference is not just discriminatory - it is legally and ethically indefensible. The UK planning system is rightly secular and evidence-based, not driven by prejudice. If the same application were submitted for a church, gurdwara, or secular community hub, it would be judged on its planning merits - and so too must this. There is no legal, environmental, or logistical reason to deny this conversion. Traffic, noise, and parking concerns can be addressed through standard conditions - as is routine for all community developments. In fact, the proposed Masjid will reduce anti-social behaviour compared to a pub, which traditionally involved alcohol, noise, and late-night disturbances. This is an opportunity to build bridges, not barriers - to show that Gravesend is a town that welcomes responsible citizenship and peaceful integration. This centre will be open, transparent, and committed to public benefit. Denying this application due to baseless fears would send a damaging message that Muslim communities are less welcome to participate in society - and that is neither British nor just.
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Kind regards