

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/08/2025 9:47 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	2A Christianfields Avenue Gravesend Kent DA12 5NF
Proposal:	Change of use from a 6 person HMO (Use Class C4) to a 10 person HMO (Sui Generis), with minor internal alterations.
Case Officer:	Mr Ethan Bonthron

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] GRAVESEND Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the proposed change of occupancy at 2A Christian Fields Avenue, referenced under planning application 20250780. The application seeks to increase the dwelling's capacity from 6 persons to 10, which I believe would have a profoundly negative impact on the surrounding community and environment. The original property was designed for two occupants. Expanding it to accommodate ten individuals on such a limited plot constitutes over development. The existing extension has already diminished natural light in neighbouring gardens, particularly ours, and further expansion will exacerbate this issue. What was once a sunny and peaceful outdoor space is now overshadowed and dark, even on bright days. Christian Fields Avenue is a narrow road with high traffic volume and minimal parking availability. The property in question has space for only one vehicle. Increasing occupancy will inevitably lead to overspill parking on Whitehill Lane, a road already known for speeding and poor pedestrian safety. This poses a serious risk to residents, especially children and the elderly. The current residents generate frequent noise disturbances, including loud music, arguments, and door slamming, particularly during summer months. There have been instances of drug use in the garden, which is deeply distressing and inappropriate in a residential area. The lack of harmony among current occupants suggests that increasing the number of residents will only intensify these issues. In one particularly troubling incident earlier this spring 2025, our local postman was verbally abused by an occupant while attempting to deliver a parcel to another resident. The postman was visibly shaken and reported the incident to the Post Office Depot. One of the other occupants later visited the depot to apologise, fearing that deliveries to the property might be suspended due to the behaviour of a single individual. This episode illustrates the disruptive nature of the current occupancy and the anxiety it causes even among the residents themselves.
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Since the bungalow was converted into flats, the area has experienced a noticeable decline. The property is poorly maintained, with deteriorating fences and untidy gardens. The extension itself is out of character with surrounding homes and lacks architectural sensitivity. The owner, who resides in London, has shown no engagement with the local community and no accountability for the property's condition or its impact on neighbours.



What's especially troubling is the emotional strain this places on residents. Having to relive the same battle every few months-drafting objections, rallying neighbours, and watching the area change against our wishes-is exhausting. It's not just about planning policy any more; it's about dignity, peace of mind, and the right to feel safe and respected in our own home.

We not just defending a plot of land. We are defending the spirit of a neighbourhood.

Considering the above, I respectfully urge the planning committee to reject application 20250780. The proposed development is inappropriate for the location and would have a detrimental effect on the well-being, safety, and cohesion of the local community.

Kind regards