

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/03/2026 8:25 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Woodlands 217 Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Alterations to existing restaurant, including alterations to elevations, additional works to accommodate plant, new corral and bin store, demolition of existing single storey side extension with erection of new single storey side extension, minor external work to existing parking bays, creation of patio and other associated work.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	New House Lane 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 plans to convert the former Woodlands Beefeater Pub into a McDonald's fast-food restaurant. The site is located within a primarily residential and highly family-oriented area, directly adjacent to an open park that is regularly used for organised weekend sports and daily recreational activities by children and families. The immediate surroundings also include multiple primary and secondary schools, making this a particularly sensitive location for a fast-food development of this nature. Proximity to schools and children St George's Primary and Secondary School is approximately 0.3 miles' walk from the site, and even closer if accessed via the park. Additional nearby schools include: Wrotham Road Primary School (~0.4 miles), Shears Green School (~0.7 miles), Gravesend Grammar School for Girls (~0.6 miles). The close proximity to schools serving children of all ages raises serious concerns. Locating a fast-food outlet that promotes unhealthy eating habits so
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close to schools and recreational spaces used daily by children is inappropriate and runs counter to public health objectives and efforts to encourage healthy lifestyles among young people.

Litter and environmental impact

Litter is already an ongoing issue in the local park and surrounding residential streets, largely associated with school use. The introduction of a fast-food outlet is likely to significantly exacerbate this problem due to single-use packaging being consumed both on-site and off-site.

It is unclear whether the applicant would take responsibility for daily and proactive cleaning of the surrounding streets and green spaces. Without a clear, enforceable commitment from the operator, the burden of increased litter would fall on the local authority, which is already constrained by limited resources and funding.

Anti-social behaviour and community safety

Fast-food premises are often associated with increased levels of anti-social behaviour, particularly during evenings and weekends. This presents a genuine safety concern for local residents, including myself and my young family.

There has been no clear indication of how issues such as loitering, noise disturbance, or disorder would be managed, nor whether on-site security or active monitoring would be provided. Without such measures, these issues are likely to become the responsibility of residents and local policing resources.

Scale of local impact

There are approximately 14,000 dwellings within a one-mile radius of the proposed development. This application therefore has the potential to negatively affect a very large residential community, many of whom share the concerns outlined above regarding health, safety, environmental impact, and overall suitability of the location.

Given the cumulative impact on local families, schools, green spaces, and public services, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application.

I will also be supporting a local petition and intend to raise these concerns with local councillors and our MP.

Kind regards