

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 11:14 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of High View School Lane Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7HP
Proposal:	Application for Outline application with all/some matters reserved for the development of up to 50 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), vehicular access road from School Lane, internal roads, car parking, landscaping, public open space, and other associated works and infrastructure. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Taylors Lane Higham Higham, Rochester

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Objection to 20260223 - Development of field between School Lane and Taylors Lane, Higham.

Living adjacent to this field we see first hand how important it is to the local community for recreation, local wild life and as a rural lung in an ever-increasing fraught land. To develop Grade 3a "Good Quality Agricultural Land" before other brown or grey sites are developed in the borough is in our opinion a very poor decision. The change from agriculture to housing development takes most of the above aspects away for ever and this we see as a backward step.

The various reports which make up this application seem to us to be dismissive of this field's value for wildlife - concentrating on protected species. Although it is pleasing to see the arboricultural surveys and protection, they do not include the small trees at the field's south west corner adjacent to Taylors Lane and which we believe should receive the same protection as other vegetation identified.

We live at the south west corner of the site; and although mention is made of massing along the southern boundary in relation to adjacent single storey properties this does not seem to be reflected in the illustrations shown . Figure 23 of the Design and Access Assessment seems to show a single storey property at the south west corner and although we realise that most decisions are reserved, we believe that all properties adjacent to the southern boundary should be single storey and permitted development rights removed.

When we developed our property a number of years ago, Gravesham Planning authority prevented us developing a full height 2 storey property stating that it would be too dominant. We believe that the same principles should be applied to any proposed development of this field otherwise it could stick out like a sore thumb.

As mentioned above, the field is well use by the local community for walking and "getting outside". There is a permissive path which runs northwards from the public footpath to the western boundary of the adjacent copse. This is not shown on any plan but is very well used by people walking their dogs, going to school and the railway station and we believe that this should be protected.

Although this site is in reach of the railway station, we do not believe that other services in Higham can stand the influx of new developments and the recent withdrawal of direct medical facilities is an example of this.

In conclusion, we believe that fields such as this one should remain "Green Belt", keeping the character of this rural community.

Kind regards