

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 22/02/2026 4:13 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Cherry Trees Ridge Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Retrospective change of use for the siting of 4 pitches for Gypsy / Traveller occupation to include one static, one touring caravan and one amenity building on each pitch. Associated changes in land levels and hard / soft landscaping.
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 made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	am writing to express my support for the retrospective application at Ridge Lane. My support is based on a practical assessment of Gravesham's current housing situation and recent changes to national planning rules. Meeting Local Housing Commitments It is well-known that our Borough is currently failing to meet its targets for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. According to the Council's own reports, there is a requirement for 21 new pitches by 2029, yet we have zero deliverable sites available. Approving this small-scale site of just four pitches is a sensible, incremental step toward meeting that legal obligation without requiring large, high-density developments elsewhere. Human Rights and Wellbeing The updated Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (2024) emphasizes the importance of a settled base. This site allows families to access local health services and ensures that children can stay in local schools consistently. Providing a legal, managed home for these families is far better for the community than forcing them into unauthorized encampments, which are often more disruptive and costly for the Council to manage. Protecting the Countryside While this site is in the Green Belt, it is a modest and contained development. Formalizing this use allows the Council to impose strict conditions on landscaping and environmental management. Under Policy CS19, this can actually lead to better biodiversity outcomes than if the land were left unmanaged or used for intensive agriculture.
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In conclusion, given the lack of alternative sites and the clear need for this type of housing in Gravesham, I believe this application should be approved.

Kind regards