

Planning Services. Gravesham Borough Council.
Civic Centre Windmill Street.
Gravesend. Kent DA12 1AU

From. [REDACTED] Stony Corner
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10th December 2024

For the attention of. Mrs K. Parkin

Re. Planning Application ref: 20241053. Re-cladding, re-roofing etc of
existing steel-framed
building. Walnut Hill Nursery, Walnut Hill Road Gravesend Kent.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for inviting our comments on this Application, which are as
follows:

1). This Application is one of several (see also ref. 20241054, ref.
20241055 and Application to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner ref
OK2024418/ENV concerning HGV's up to 22 tonnes on this site).
Taken together, these Applications show a step-by-step intention by the
Applicant to transform the Walnut Hill Nursery site from essentially a
horticultural site, consistent with its Green Belt status, to an industrial site
incompatible with the Green Belt.

Such a change, which is already well under way, regardless of planning
approval, is unacceptable to us as neighbours to the site. As you review
each Planning Application individually, please be sure to take the whole
picture into consideration.

2). The subject of Application ref 20241053 before work began, was
hardly a building at all. It was a simple steel framework over which netting
could be hung at certain times of the year to protect delicate plants and
shrubs from extreme weather conditions. The view was not obstructed.
The proposed cladding and roofing would transform it into a large, ugly
obstruction to the view. We do not know what activities would be carried
on inside, but the nature of the Applicant's business and his other
Planning Applications suggest that it could involve vehicles of all sizes,
with associated noise, air pollution, and lights when they are
manoeuvring.

For the above reasons, we oppose Application ref. 20241053¹⁰⁵³

Yours faithfully,

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