

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/03/2026 11:17 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:	[REDACTED] Waterton Avenue Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Objection to Planning Application: 2026/0245 (The Woodlands, Wrotham Road) I am writing as a local grandparent to formally object to this application. My grandchildren regularly use the play area in Woodlands Park, and I am deeply concerned about the impact of this development on both our young people and the elderly residents of the adjacent Pinnock's Almshouses. 1. Increased Toxic Fumes and Air Pollution I am extremely worried about the localized increase in air pollution this development will cause. A high-volume McDonald's-operating as a delivery hub-will attract a constant stream of idling delivery mopeds and courier vehicles. The exhaust fumes from this high-frequency traffic will linger directly outside our homes, the school gates, and the Almshouses. Children and the elderly are the most vulnerable to poor air quality, and placing a major pollution source so close to a playground and a retirement community is irresponsible. 2. Environmental Impact of Industrial Extraction (Noise and Odour) The proposed industrial extraction units are set to be placed directly behind the children's playground. A high-volume kitchen generates significantly more grease, heat, and heavy cooking odours than a standard restaurant. These "frying smells" and the constant hum of industrial fans will blow directly into the park and the Almshouse gardens, ruining the fresh air and quiet environment that our families and elderly neighbours rely on for their health and wellbeing. 3. Failure to Protect Local Biodiversity (The "Two Tree" Admission)
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The applicant's own documents admit they cannot meet the required 10% Biodiversity Net Gain on-site and suggest planting two trees "elsewhere" as compensation. This is a failure of local environmental policy. Planting saplings miles away does nothing to replace the immediate loss of nature and mature greenery next to our 14-acre park. We need to protect the nature our grandchildren play in here, not in another part of the borough.

4. Safety Risks of the "McDelivery" Hub

The plans clearly show internal "McDelivery" zones and a massive 49% kitchen area. This is not a traditional seated restaurant; it is a high-intensity delivery hub. The influx of courier vehicles into this residential "island" creates a severe safety risk for children walking to the park and for the elderly residents of the Almshouses, many of whom have mobility issues and struggle to cross our already busy roads.

5. 6:00 AM Operational Nuisance

A 06:00 AM opening is wholly inappropriate. The noise of staff arrivals and early morning delivery lorries in such a quiet residential setting will cause significant sleep deprivation. This will harm the concentration of schoolchildren and the peace and dignity of the Almshouse residents.

Conclusion

For the sake of our grandchildren's health and the peace of the Almshouse residents, I urge the Council to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Kind regards