

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/03/2026 12:35 PM 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:	[REDACTED] Oak Drive Higham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 50 homes on Green Belt land in Higham, Kent.

As a resident of Higham, I am concerned that the village does not have the infrastructure necessary to support a development of this scale. Higham is a small rural village and many of its services are already operating at or beyond capacity. The proposal would place additional strain on local healthcare, education, and transport infrastructure.

Firstly, the village is facing the imminent loss of its local GP surgery at Higham. The closure of the Higham branch of Highparks Medical Practice will already require residents to travel to neighbouring towns to access primary healthcare services. Adding a development of 50 homes will increase demand for GP services in surrounding areas where practices are already under pressure. The loss of local healthcare provision combined with new housing development is clearly unsustainable.

Secondly, Higham Primary School already serves the existing village population and operates with limited capacity as a small one-form entry primary school. A development of this size will inevitably generate additional demand for school

places which the current school infrastructure is unlikely to accommodate. This would result in local children needing to travel to other towns for schooling, which is neither practical nor sustainable for a rural community.

Transport infrastructure in Higham is also limited. Bus services are infrequent and many residents rely on private vehicles to travel to Gravesend, Strood, and surrounding areas for work, healthcare, and services. While Higham has a railway station, it is not centrally located for many residents and services are relatively limited. A development of this scale would inevitably increase traffic on local roads which are already under pressure.

Finally, the proposed development would take place on Green Belt land. The Green Belt plays an important role in protecting the rural character of Higham and preventing urban sprawl. Development on Green Belt land should only occur in exceptional circumstances, and it is difficult to see how such circumstances have been demonstrated in this case.

For these reasons - lack of healthcare provision, pressure on school capacity, limited transport infrastructure, and the loss of protected Green Belt land - I strongly object to this proposal and ask the planning authority to refuse the application.

Kind regards