

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/11/2025 12:01 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Part retrospective change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller site comprising 2 individual pitches with the siting of a total of 3 Mobile Homes, 2 Touring Caravans, and 2 Dayrooms.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am a resident of White Post Lane and live in one of the properties [REDACTED] newly established (unauthorised) site.

The situation has caused significant distress to my family and I.

We moved to the area in 2019 to enjoy a peaceful environment, and I have two young children. Since the arrival of [REDACTED] the character of the area has changed dramatically, and many residents share concerns about the ongoing disruption and damage.

Frequent road closures have been particularly concerning for us as a family. My daughter has a critical, life-threatening condition, and emergency access is essential. If an ambulance were required, the current blockages would prevent timely assistance. Last week, when the lane was blocked again, I asked how long it would remain closed as we were trying to get to work. The response was abusive, including accusations of racism, and we were told the closure would last an hour while another mobile home was delivered. They claimed to have council permission to close the road, which is deeply troubling.

My family has also been subjected to verbal abuse and threats of violence from individuals at the site on multiple occasions. These incidents have been reported to the police, but little to no action has been taken. The behaviour has been intimidating and aggressive, including swearing at my wife and me in front of our children. This has left my children fearful for their safety and worried about potential harm to our home.

The lane itself has deteriorated significantly. I now avoid driving along White Post Lane due to the damage, persistent blockages, and increased fly-tipping, which has harmed local wildlife and the natural beauty of the village. Loose dogs frequently roam the lane, creating further hazards. Recently, while walking along Copt Hall Road, my children witnessed a deceased dog, which was extremely distressing for them.

Noise pollution has also worsened, particularly from dogs barking throughout the night. As animal lovers, this is upsetting for us. Last night, I was awoken at 1 a.m. by prolonged barking and the sound of gunshots for approximately 10 minutes. Additionally, the site regularly burns waste, producing unpleasant smells that permeate our home each morning.

Bright lighting at night and other breaches of planning regulations continue unchecked.

We feel completely let down by the handling of this situation, especially following the Secretary of State's decision to allow the site to remain. This decision should have been challenged by the council, given the severe negative impact on the village. I no longer feel safe in my own home, and this has made us consider moving away-a heart-breaking prospect, as this was once a wonderful place to live. If the residents had acted respectfully and lawfully, our concerns would be far fewer.

We moved to Sole Street for its natural beauty and tranquillity, which have now been compromised. The planning breaches and lack of enforcement are unacceptable. It appears that the residents of the site operate without consequence, supported by government protections, while the local community suffers.

I strongly oppose the planning application and urge that this matter be resolved promptly.

The current situation is unsustainable and deeply unfair to those who have invested in and care for this community.

Kind regards