

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 5:13 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 [REDACTED] and live in one of the properties [REDACTED] to the newly established unauthorised site. I wish to formally object to this planning application on the grounds of highway safety, residential amenity, public safety, environmental impact, and planning policy non-compliance. My objection is based on the following concerns:

1. Highway Safety & Emergency Access

Frequent and prolonged road closures caused by the site have created serious safety risks. My daughter has a life-threatening medical condition, meaning emergency access to our property must remain unobstructed at all times. Current blockages would prevent an ambulance from reaching us, putting her life in danger.

On multiple occasions, the lane has been blocked for the delivery and installation of additional mobile homes. When I enquired about the most recent closure, I was met with verbal abuse and informed the road would be closed for approximately an hour. Individuals also claimed to have permission from the council to obstruct the highway, which is extremely concerning.

These obstructions directly contravene highway safety guidance and are inappropriate for a narrow rural lane with no alternative access.

2. Threats, Intimidation & Public Safety Concerns

My family has been subjected to verbal abuse and threatening behaviour from individuals associated with the site on several occasions. These incidents have been reported to Kent Police, but little action has been taken.

This behaviour has caused significant distress to my children and has created an atmosphere of intimidation and fear within the community. Public safety considerations must be a key factor in determining the suitability of any development.

3. Deterioration of the Lane, Environmental Damage & Fly-Tipping

The condition of White Post Lane has deteriorated significantly since the establishment of the site. Increased traffic, heavy vehicles, and unlawful blockages have caused damage to the road surface.

There has also been a noticeable rise in fly-tipping in the area, which is harming local wildlife and detracting from the rural character of the village. Such environmental damage conflicts with local and national planning policy, including the need to protect the natural landscape.

4. Noise Disturbance & Anti-Social Behaviour

Noise pollution has increased substantially. This includes:

- Dogs barking throughout the night
- Late-night disturbances
- Recently, what sounded like gunshots at around 1 a.m.
- Regular burning of waste, producing foul odours that drift across residential properties

These issues significantly undermine residential amenity, which planning authorities have a duty to protect.

5. Animal Welfare Concerns

Loose dogs regularly roam the area, posing a hazard to road users and local wildlife. My children were recently distressed by seeing a deceased dog on Copt Hall Road. Such incidents contribute to the overall unsuitability of the site and raise welfare concerns that must be considered in planning assessment.

6. Visual Impact & Light Pollution

Bright artificial lighting from the site remains on throughout the night, causing light pollution and harming the rural character of the area. This is a clear breach of typical planning conditions for developments in countryside locations and remains unaddressed.

7. Planning Breaches & Lack of Enforcement

Numerous planning breaches have occurred without effective enforcement. This includes unauthorised works, road blockages, waste burning, and the introduction of additional units on the land.

The community feels let down by the lack of action, particularly following the Secretary of State's decision, which should have been challenged given the serious and well-evidenced impact on residents.

Conclusion

The cumulative effects of highway obstruction, threats and intimidation, environmental harm, noise disturbance, planning breaches, and loss of

residential amenity make this site wholly unsuitable. The situation is now unsustainable for local residents and fundamentally undermines the peaceful rural character of Sole Street.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application in full and take steps to restore the safety, amenity, and integrity of the community.

Kind regards