

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/02/2025 9:11 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Change of Use of Land to form a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 1 Mobile Home, 1 Touring Caravan, and 1 Dayroom.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Sole Street Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Local strongly object to the application on a number of significant grounds a) The site comprises open agricultural landscape hedgerows and established trees edging the general site area located on designated Green Belt area and downland area. The development is highly intrusive to the pre-existing and surrounding natural landscape and highly detrimental to natural habits of wildlife and wild flora. b) The application and development is in direct contravention of the July 2009 injunction which directed that the land must not be used for any residential purposes. The relating to previous planning refusal regarding the site use for dwelling purposes preceding the injunction are still valid. c) The main domestic static mobile home/modular home on the site was moved eastwards from the A227/Wrotham Road highway along Nurstead Church Lane and some 600 metres south-eastwards along White Post Lane, to the site entrance from the highway before the planning application was submitted. Both these lanes are narrow single track roads with limited passing places. The White Post Lane section especially is lined on both sides of the roads with mostly wide belts of well established native trees and shrubbery alongside agricultural fields and forming a haven for wildlife as well as being a highly attractive landscape feature. During the hours of darkness, and without necessary permissions and permits, and immediately prior to delivery of the static mobile home to the site, this well established and attractive 600 metre section of mixed woodland strips and belt was destructively hacked with numerous mature and well established healthy trees being felled and numerous overhanging branches sawn off alongside the highway. The extensive amount of cut trees, and branches were crudely discarded, highly unsafely and unsightly to the side of the lane being also stuffed into the adjacent tree lines or discarded onto growing crops. Three days later, a number of stumps, logs and branches, had fallen into the roadway forming significant hazards to road users. The aforesaid destruction can only be regarded as criminal damage with significant local habitat and landscape loss and totally fails to accord to any reasonable arboreal, nor acceptable health and safety and environmental practices. As the applicant or the applicant's agents had full knowledge that it would be impossible to move the mobile home due to
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its size, by road to the site, without considerable arboreal tree work along the lane, such environmentally detrimental work is clearly associated with the application

d) The application clearly indicates the site will be surrounded by post and rail fencing, however subsequent to the application the site has had 1.8metre to 2 metre high close boarded fencing installed. Similar fencing on the associated area has been erected along the boundary with White Post Lane and similar height solid access gates installed. This is highly detrimental to the open landscape aspect of the general area. Removal and heavy cutting back of trees and natural hedging and shrubbery on the site and adjacent site areas to facilitate erection of this fencing was clearly observed during fence erection.

e) Work on adjacent, related areas of the land has been undertaken in conjunction with the immediate site, and there has been much burning on site of material subsequent to application.

f) The surrounding of the application site with extensive "Cupressus Planting" is totally inappropriate to the agricultural and open landscape aspect of the area and provides zero to minimal habitat benefit to natural fauna and flora of this downland area.

g) The entrance to the site along the highway had a light hedgerow and trees line and these have been partly destroyed immediately before emplacement of structures on the site as viewed in late December by freshly cut remnant stems, thus adversely impacting on the natural margins to the highway

h) On the application site map, there is clear indication for the construction of a Cess Pit. There is no planning application submitted for the Cess Pit t nor is there any evidence of full building regulation approval. Both are necessary requirements. There must be concern that it will or does fully meets the relevant controls and how this relates to the "Mobile home or other structures on the site.

Kind regards