

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/04/2025 5:01 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY

Proposal: Erection of a 4x 4 bedroom houses with garage, home-office and gardens on the land north of the Convent of Mercy Gravesend. Works include an extension of Hillside Drive ending in a new turning area, private driveway and off-road parking for each house, an electrical substation, and a managed biodiversity area along the north-east boundary of the site.

Case Officer: Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Hillside Drive, Hillside Drive Hillside Drive Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to object on the following grounds. This application cannot be considered in isolation considering the 1) previous recent application at the convent in Hillside Drive, 2) the enormous development approved on the adjacent St Joseph's school site and 3) the pending application in Whitehill Road for 14 apartments.

Hillside Drive is a centuries-old single track road to the then main house (now the Convent). There are currently 17 properties in the drive and together with the recent application for 2x6 bedroom properties plus bungalow this application means a PROPERTY INCREASE OF 41% with all the associated traffic that this will generate.

Furthermore, it will mean that together with the other developments mentioned above there will be a loss of over 4 acres of green spaces in the Whitehall district which is devastating in ecological and environmental terms in an already densely populated area.

I would like to draw your attention to the paragraph 5 of KCC Highways and Transportation reply to this application. This para. refers to the their concern over the access and sight lines onto Old Road East where the existing brick pillars reduce the width of Hillside Drive which is insufficient for two vehicles to pass and could (and does) result in vehicles turning across and stopping on Old Road East due to vehicles waiting to exit from Hillside Drive.

I cannot stress enough how pertinent this remark is and how many times we as residents experience this very dangerous situation with a vehicle stranded across Old Road East with no vehicle having room to reverse. It is an accident waiting to happen and will be exacerbated with the proposed development. It should also be noted that the pillars at the entrance to Hillside Drive are private property and NOT owned by the private Hillside Drive.

It is already a problem to enter and exit Hillside Drive with Old Rd, East frequently gridlocked at commuter and school times but particularly when the A2 is frequently closed by accidents.

As a resident directly affected by both this and the St Joseph's development I find this continuous policy to build on every green space possible very depressing making Gravesend a very undesirable and depressing area to live in the future.

Kind regards