

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 18/03/2026 6:48 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Woodlands 217 Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Alterations to existing restaurant, including alterations to elevations, additional works to accommodate plant, new corral and bin store, demolition of existing single storey side extension with erection of new single storey side extension, minor external work to existing parking bays, creation of patio and other associated work.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Bowers Ave Northfleet

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	As a long standing resident in the Northfleet area I have valued having a pub near the woodlands which has brought the community together. While it is sad to see the premises closed at present it is in the hope that another restaurant/pub does open in its place to once again offer the community a place to come together. Maybe an opportunity for other community led services to start up. I do however strongly oppose the opening of any fast food outlets in its place. Gravesend/Northfleet already has such outlets in the town centre and it doesn't need another in the middle of a residential area. Several key concerns raised for this: 1. Loss of Community & Heritage - Replacing the pub with a fast food chain represents the erasure of local character and heritage in favour of a corporate brand where the food value is not desirable 2. Noise & Anti-Social Behaviour Fast food outlets, particularly those open late into the night, tend to attract loitering, loud gatherings, and in some cases vandalism. The late operating hours mean that residents living nearby would be subjected to noise well beyond what is reasonable for a residential street. 3. Litter & Environmental Impact Drive-through and takeaway packaging is notoriously difficult to manage. Wrappers, cups, and containers will inevitably end up on surrounding streets, in
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gardens, and in local green spaces, placing additional strain on council cleaning services and degrading the local environment. A potential cost that we the tax payers will end up footing

4. Traffic & Parking Congestion

A busy fast food outlet will generate a significant increase in traffic, particularly during peak hours. This creates dangerous conditions for pedestrians, especially children and makes the surrounding roads harder to navigate for residents.

5. Public Health Concerns

There is well-documented evidence linking the density of fast food outlets in residential areas to poorer health outcomes, particularly for children and young people. Our area should not have this kind of establishment added to what may already be a sufficient concentration locally.

6. Lighting & Visual Intrusion

The bright, often garish signage and lighting typical of fast food branding would be visually intrusive and disruptive, particularly for residents whose homes directly overlook or adjoin the site.

7. Property Values

The presence of a late-night fast food outlet with the noise, litter, and footfall it brings risks having a negative impact on the value of surrounding residential properties.

Such a proposal for a fast food outlet prioritises corporate profit over community wellbeing, and residents deserve to have their voices heard before any planning permission is granted.

Kind regards