

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 18/08/2026 1:25 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I wish to formally object to the proposed housing development due to the significant impact it would have on the local community, countryside and environment. The development would result in the loss of valuable greenbelt and open countryside, permanently changing the rural setting and character of the village. This land provides important habitat for wildlife, supports biodiversity and contributes to the quality of life for local residents. Construction and increased activity would result in the loss and disturbance of habitats and could negatively affect local wildlife. There are also serious concerns about whether the existing infrastructure can cope with the additional population. Local roads, schools, healthcare, drainage, utilities and other services are already under pressure, and a substantial increase in housing could place further strain on these facilities. The additional homes would inevitably generate more traffic, increasing congestion and potentially creating road safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users. The existing road network may not be capable of safely accommodating the increased volume of vehicles. The scale of the proposed development also risks overcrowding and
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overdevelopment of the village. A large increase in population would put pressure on existing services and could fundamentally change the community's character and sense of identity.

The village's countryside setting and rural way of life are important features that should be protected. Allowing a large housing development on greenbelt land could lead to the gradual urbanisation of the area, replacing open views and countryside with buildings, roads and associated infrastructure.

While the need for housing is recognised, development should be appropriately located, proportionate to the existing settlement and supported by adequate infrastructure. Housing targets should not come at the expense of valuable countryside, wildlife, road safety and the quality of life of existing residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the planning authority to refuse the proposed development and to give full consideration to its cumulative impact on greenbelt land, infrastructure, traffic, overcrowding, village character and local wildlife.

I strongly object to this proposal and believe that alternative, more suitable locations should be considered where housing can be provided without causing such significant harm to the local community and environment.

Kind regards