

We wish to strongly oppose this application to add a further 100 houses to this parcel of land.

Istead Rise appears to under threat of multiple applications to extend its borders at the expense of arable and woodland . Our objection is this instance is that the land use should not be changed. Green belt is green belt and the introduction of "grey" is unsupportable. The Council itself acquired land along Wrotham Road to maintain the natural countryside and this concept should surely also be applied to this parcel of land.

Adding 100 houses will cause additional traffic congestion and traffic pollution onto The Droveaway, Istead Rise and Wrotham Road as most houses have two cars these days so a potential 200 more vehicles. The doctors' surgery is already overstretched and adding a further 200 - 300 people will simply aggravate the current issue in obtaining appointments. There is no infrastructure provision for the electricity and water demands of these additional houses and it would seem that profit is the only motivator. Gravesham has brownfield sites which are not being developed, the concentration should be on redeveloping those and not gobbling up the green belt. We have lived in Istead Rise for 49 years and chose it for its green and rural surroundings, are Gravesham really now choosing to turn the garden of England into the patio of England ? Please listen to your constituents, there is no support for this application, simply the speculative greed of the potential developers. You do not need to build here to hit your targets, just actually make the brownfield sites work.

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