

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/02/2025 10:50 AM 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 Cobham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	We object very strongly to this application. The site in question has previously been occupied unlawfully by travellers and the occupants had to be removed after several years of legal wrangling at the very considerable expense of the law abiding, ratepaying citizens of Gravesham. In the current application, the same process has been adopted as on the previous unlawful occasion, that of occupying the site without notice and then submitting a retrospective application, thus attempting to make it an accomplished fact. In the process a very considerable amount of work has been, and is being done on this green-belt site, including the construction of access roads, high fences, access gates, designed to conceal what is being done on site. Large, pre-fabricated septic tank or cesspool tanks have also been installed, for which I suspect the installation will not comply with relevant Building Regulations or Environmental Legislation. The site has been sub-divided into several individually fenced sizeable plots, therefore, based on what happened previously, I do not believe the number or type of properties shown on the application will be the ultimate intent. The manner in which the unlawful occupation and development of the site was carried out involved the wanton felling and destruction of beautiful established trees and hedgerows, on private land owned by others on each side of what was a tranquil country lane, leaving a trail of devastation is clear evidence of the total lack of regard by those who carried it out of any environmental or legal considerations, or any concern for the law-abiding rate paying citizens of the borough. Whilst the current application includes limited development, it will not be a site for "travellers", [a factor used as leverage for such applications], it will be a permanent housing estate with all the usual amenities and more. There is good reason to suspect that the number of occupants will increase and the site be used for unsuitable commercial purposes, with the consequent storage of debris, accompanied by an increase in traffic of a type unsuitable for
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this tranquil lane.

This is a green belt site, the council will be fully aware of what legislation has and will be contravened, so there is no need for me to list it.

The proposal is totally out of character for the location and totally unsuitable.

If it is approved and or if the current occupants are not speedily removed to a more suitable location, it will be totally unfair and to the long term detriment of the law-abiding rate paying citizens of the borough.

Kind regards