

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/03/2025 5:46 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY
Proposal:	Change of use of surplus convent buildings into two 6-bedroom townhouses, demolition of existing single-storey extensions to the west and construction of a 2-bedroom attached chalet bungalow, reorganisation of the convent car park and alterations to create a front entrance, erection of two single-storey bays to the rear elevation, dividing up the existing garden, and forming a new driveway to access the gardens to the rear.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hillside Drive Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Change of use of surplus convent building into two 6 bedroom townhouses is in keeping with the character of the properties in the area. The 2 bedroom chalet bungalow is not. The proposed bungalow by virtue of its siting, orientation and design would be an incongruous form of development which would appear cramped and overdeveloped and would be out of keeping with the character, layout and appearance of the properties in the immediate area. The development harms the area - It would adversely affect the character and appearance of the street scene. Creating a new driveway next to an existing driveway and opposite an existing driveway to service the rear of the 2 townhouses and bungalow is a risk to road safety with an increased chance of collision due to proximity of existing driveways with vehicles parked on those driveways in addition to any vehicle parked on the road. The turn from the proposed new driveway left onto Hillside Drive (to exit the road) will be extremely tight and potentially dangerous with vehicles parked on the adjoining driveway. Currently there is no space for 2 vehicles to pass each other along Hillside Drive safely except for outside the entrance of the Convent. Also, adding an additional driveway approximately one third of the length of the whole of the current road (Hillside Drive) is overdevelopment. No other property has a driveway to service the rear of their property (or that long), this is proposed development which is out of keeping with the character, layout and appearance of the street and properties in the immediate area. Thank you.
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Kind regards