

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 07/07/2026 8:19 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	44 Lewis Road Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JG
Proposal:	Erection of part single storey and part two storey rear extension and two storey front extension; Removal of existing pitched roof and its replacement with part pitched and part flat roof, with two front dormers and three rear dormers (one with balcony); Conversion of resulting roof space to habitable rooms; Fenestration alterations and part conversion of garage into habitable room.
Case Officer:	Mrs Kelly Joyce

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Wrotham Road Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am writing on behalf of myself and other members of the local community to formally OBJECT to the planning application referenced above. We urge the Council to refuse permission based on the following material planning considerations:

The proposed two-storey change from the existing single storey bungalow with its aggressive height and size is entirely out of keeping with the established low-profile, single-storey character of this street scene. Even more so with two original bungalows either side of the proposed planning being engulfed by this proposal it will impact the appearance of the road. This represents a clear overdevelopment and will have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of this road.

Istead rise and Lewis Road in particular is now losing all its single story dwellings/bungalows to over bearing and over dominating large 2 story extensions. Lewis Road is one of the few roads on Istead Rise that is at a flat walking level to the local shops. The loss of such single storey housing stock and the removal of much needed single storey bungalows will have a devastating impact for the community. By granting another planning application to turn another bungalow into a 2 storey house it will remove vital accessible housing suitable for elderly residents and those with limited mobility. With Lewis Road being one of the few walking level to the only local shops and local bus route it is

imperative that the single storey bungalows on this road must be kept at all costs to not exclude those who seek and need such properties. Granting yet another bungalow to be turned into a two story property fails to maintain a balance sustainable housing mix within our community . Istead Rise has always been a blend of young families and the older population making it the community it is today and continues to thrive as a mixed age community for all of the community to benefit.

The property submitting this planning application is directly opposite our village hall. Lewis Road has an existing issue with over and dangerous parking when the hall is busy. Increasing this single bungalow to a multiple family dwelling will significantly increase an over vehicular movements on an already congested residential road. Exacerbating local parking issues and put unneeded pressure on the use of our village hall. Young children and family events are often held at this hall and this will cause a compromise to highway and public safety. With this being a main bus route it then creates an issue which is already existing for public transport and emergency vichels to pass unobstructed through this road. With istead rise consisting of more houses than bungalows anyone needing such an overbearing 2 storey extension should purchase an existing house in our village rather than another one of our much needed bungalows be overdeveloped and for our community to isolate those who need them. On the above grounds the proposal represents an unsympathetic, unneeded development that will cause harm to our local community.

Kind regards