

(c) Notwithstanding the Kent County Council's stated opinion, the Society considers there are significant local traffic issues to be taken into account in relation to the proposed development.

i. Approaching from the south the proposed access would be obscured by The George Public House (a grade II listed building).

ii. Opposite the site is a garage servicing and selling cars, already generating turning movements in Wrotham Road.

iii. In the same area on the west side of Wrotham Road, site line visibility is limited for vehicles emerging from the car park of The George Public House.

iv. The situation is made even more complex by traffic turning right into and emerging from The Street on the east side of Wrotham Road.

v. To the south of the site is Meadfield Road also generating turning movements on the east side of Wrotham Road.

In the Society's view, the traffic impact of a new gated access with additional movements in this location needs to be re-assessed.

(d) The Society notes as part of the work in preparation for updating the Gravesham Local Plan the contribution the site makes to the Green Belt was assessed by the council's consultants and the harm resulting from its development was assessed as "moderate high" (Fig 5.11 site M10 refers). In the Society's view the overall impact of developing the site on the openness of the Green Belt would be significant since it would result in building in depth off Wrotham Road.

(e) While the Society recognises that all planning applications must be judged on their merits, the Society is mindful of development pressure elsewhere in the Green Belt, the need for consistency and the precedent that could be set if consent was granted on this site.

Yours faithfully



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