

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/02/2025 1:25 PM 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:	I strongly object to the application for the following reasons: The land is in the Green Belt and so, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) and relevant related documents, the presumption is that development on the site would be inappropriate. No special circumstances exist in this case that would disapply that presumption. The proposed development would cause substantial harm to the openness of the Green Belt. The site is clearly visible from surrounding public areas and the removal of a large number of trees on the site has exacerbated this. There is light pollution already emanating from the site which alters the rural character of the area and has a detrimental impact on wildlife. The land is open countryside. The land lies within the North Downs Special Landscape Area. The land is Grade 2 agricultural land. The land fulfils the Green Belt purposes of preventing urban sprawl and protection of the countryside from encroachment. The unauthorised arrival of a mobile home on the site in December 2024 caused considerable harm to the local ecosystem with the wanton destruction of mature trees and hedgerows lining White Post Lane and the corresponding effect on animal habitats. This harm is exacerbated by the continued cutting down of trees and other unauthorised works on the site. Much of this damage to the environment cannot be reversed. The manner and timing of arrival of that mobile home and the ongoing breaches of planning control since that time remain the cause of much disquiet and
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concern in the local community. The complete destruction of the character of White Post Lane was a profound shock and extremely devastating for many people.

The land is subject to a High Court injunction granted in 2009 prohibiting the use of the land for residential purposes. This injunction is still in force and remains so unless and until the court directs otherwise.

The breach of the injunction challenges the authority of the courts and the legal process. The breach of planning controls shows contempt for the Borough Council and the planning process. The wanton destruction of the local environment shows blatant disregard for the local community. Thus the current situation offends against the structures of society on a state, regional and local level. The right order necessary for the proper functioning of society needs to be restored and this can only be done by insisting that proper processes are followed and by ensuring that failure to follow such processes will not be tolerated or rewarded.

Kind regards