

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 22/08/2026 1:41 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Drove Way Gravesham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Objection to Planning Application 20260649

I am writing to object to the proposed development of up to 100 new homes to the north of The Drove Way in Istead Rise.

This development would have a very direct impact on my family because the proposed development would be immediately behind our home. My children currently ride their bikes in this area, and one of my biggest concerns is that the development would make the area considerably less safe for them.

The roads around Istead Rise are already busy, and I am concerned that they are not wide enough or suitable for the significant increase in traffic that 100 additional homes could bring. More vehicles using The Drove Way and the surrounding roads would inevitably mean more traffic, congestion and potentially more dangerous conditions for pedestrians and children cycling locally.

At the moment, my children are able to enjoy riding their bikes in the area behind our house. If this development goes ahead, there will be construction traffic initially and then a substantial increase in the number of cars using the surrounding roads every day. I am extremely concerned about the impact this will have on their safety and on the ability of local children to walk and cycle safely.

I am also concerned about the lack of suitable infrastructure in Istead Rise to support such a large increase in population. Local services are already under pressure, and it is already difficult enough to get a doctor's appointment. Adding potentially 100 more households without sufficient improvements to local services and infrastructure could put even greater pressure on healthcare and other essential services.

There also appears to be very limited public transport in the area, with no train station and limited bus services. This means that many additional residents are likely to depend on cars, which would put even more pressure on roads that are already busy.

I am particularly concerned about pedestrian and cycling safety. If more homes are built, there needs to be safe, properly connected walking and cycling routes that allow children and families to travel around the area without having to compete with increased traffic.

I also believe that this application needs to be considered alongside the other proposed developments around Istead Rise. The cumulative impact of additional housing, rather than looking at this application on its own, needs to be properly assessed. More and more development will inevitably increase pressure on roads, healthcare, schools, public transport, drainage, water supplies and other local infrastructure.

I understand that housing is needed, but that does not mean that every proposed development is automatically appropriate. The scale and location of this development need to be considered carefully, particularly when it would be directly behind existing homes and would have such a significant impact on the surrounding community.

My main concern is that the development could fundamentally change the character and safety of the area where my children currently live, play and cycle. I do not believe the existing roads and infrastructure are capable of safely accommodating the additional traffic and population without significant improvements first being made.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask Gravesham Borough Council to refuse planning application 20260649, or at the very least to require a much more thorough assessment of the highway, pedestrian and cycling safety, healthcare, infrastructure and cumulative impacts of this development before any decision is made.

This is not simply a concern about having new houses nearby. This development would be directly behind our home and would have a real and immediate effect on our family and the safety of our children.

I ask the Council to take these concerns seriously when considering this application.

Application reference: 20260649

Kind regards