

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/08/2026 7:39 AM 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] Long Walk Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to formally object to the proposed development of approximately 100 new homes on Green Belt land in Istead Rise.

I recognise the need for housing, but I believe this proposal would place significant additional pressure on an area that already lacks the infrastructure and services necessary to support substantial population growth.

Pressure on local services: Istead Rise and the surrounding area already face limited access to essential services. Local GP and dental services are under considerable pressure, and residents can experience difficulty obtaining appointments. Hospitals in the wider area are also already heavily stretched. Adding approximately 100 households would inevitably increase demand for healthcare and other public services without clear evidence that sufficient additional capacity will be provided.

Transport and traffic: Istead Rise does not have an immediate train station or direct rail connection, meaning residents are heavily reliant on private cars and existing bus services. A development of this size would therefore be likely to generate a significant increase in vehicle movements.

The existing road network already experiences congestion, particularly during peak commuting and school-run periods. Adding traffic from another 100 homes

could worsen congestion, journey times, parking pressures and road safety for existing residents.

Green Belt and environmental impact: The proposal would result in the permanent loss of Green Belt land and change the character of the area. Development on such land should only take place where there is a compelling justification and where the necessary infrastructure is available to support it. In this case, I am concerned that the infrastructure has not kept pace with existing development, let alone the additional demands created by another 100 homes.

There should also be proper consideration of the cumulative impact of this proposal alongside other existing and proposed developments in the surrounding area.

I therefore respectfully ask the Planning Authority to refuse this application unless the applicant can demonstrate, with robust evidence, that adequate healthcare, transport, education, drainage, highways and other infrastructure capacity will be provided alongside the development.

The loss of Green Belt land, combined with existing pressure on local services and transport infrastructure, makes this proposal inappropriate for Istead Rise in its current form.

I strongly urge the Planning Authority to take the concerns of existing residents into account and refuse the proposed development of 100 homes.

Kind regards