

Please post to: Adeoye Lawal, Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (stamp required)
(or can be left in secure drop box in Reception at Istead Rise Community Centre, Worcester Close, Istead Rise.)

Application Reference: 20251233		Case Officer: Adeoye Lawal
Location:	Land at Rose Farm, Downs Road, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent	
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the demolition of 64 Downs Road & erection of up to 154 residential dwellings & creation of a new access from Downs Road (Full details on Gravesham's Council's Website)	
I am:	Member of the Public ☒ (Age 18 or above)	Other:
My Title & Full Name:	[REDACTED]	
My address & postcode:	[REDACTED] DOWNS ROAD, ISTEAD RISE, DA13 9HD.	

I wish to **object** to planning application number **20251233** for the reasons stated below:

1. The only entry/exit road to the proposed development runs directly next to the local Primary School. The disruption, pollution, noise, etc., is detrimental to the health of the pupils. It has been proven that children (and adults) who are constantly exposed to high levels of pollution suffer with respiratory problems, such as asthma etc.
2. The destruction of a great number of trees & hedges will destroy the natural habitat of so many species of birds & wildlife, some of which are classed as protected species. This action would also affect the air quality of air in the local area, replacing long established trees with pollution producing cars, homes etc.
3. The infrastructure, as it stands, cannot cope with the current traffic flow / parking. This is a car dependent community. There is no train station, the bus service is almost non-existent and does not run in the evenings. At certain times of the day, Downs Road is impassable for cars & pedestrians alike, due to double parking / parking on the pavements. This will only be exacerbated by extra vehicles accessing Downs Road from the new development.
4. The local Doctors' Surgery, hospital & Schools have all admitted that they cannot cope with the present demands placed upon them.
5. Downs Road is situated at the bottom of a valley, the development would greatly increase the risk of flooding, as fields would be replaced by concrete.

Signed:

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Deadline for objections: 26/1/26

Comments continued overleaf

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6. This proposed plan is totally inappropriate and does not benefit local residents in any way. Many houses and properties situated on Downs Road will lose their privacy and stunning outlook from their homes, which they paid premium prices for, to obtain such a position. Obviously, ~~houses~~ ^{residents} will find the price of their homes depreciate in value. The stress & worry this is causing many residents is totally unacceptable & unfair. Surely our feelings & worries count for something!
7. The designated land proposed for this development is greenbelt land. Our present government faithfully promised that greenbelt land would not ~~be~~ taken to build houses upon. This sentiment was reiterated, on more than one occasion by our present Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, when ~~at~~ addressing the nation on national television. Sadly, yet more broken promises and untruths!!

Thank you for taking the time to read my observations & objections to this planning application.

