

Application Reference: 20251233

Case Officer: Adeoye Lawal

Location: Land at Rose Farm, Downs Road, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent

Proposal: Outline Planning for the demolition of 64 Downs Road & erection of 154 residential dwellings & creation of a new access from Downs Road

I am a Member of the Public (age 18 or above)

My name and address:

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[REDACTED] Flowerhill Way, Istead Rise, Kent DA13 9 DQ

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

- The local GP is currently at maximum capacity with no flexibility for a potential increase of some 300-500 patients. Government policy also states that new homes should be accompanied by local infrastructure improvements (such as GPs, schools, services etc.);
- The Government has confirmed that Brownfield sites must be the first priority for any proposed housing developments. This proposal would clearly result in the loss of nature rich land and contravenes Government policy;
- A full traffic impact assessment should be carried out taking into account the vast increase in housing in the local area. Traffic is already dangerously high with frequent accidents and severe congestion on local roads. At peak times it's difficult to get out of Istead Rise due to volume of traffic on the Wrotham Road/A2 and New Barn Road;
- Istead Rise is car dependent with no safe walking access to surrounding villages which will further exacerbate traffic congestion and risks to the public/residents;
- Urban sprawl;
- Unavoidable biodiversity impacts and an increase in water run off and flood risk on Downs Road.

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