

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/01/2025 7:41 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:	Resident of Highview Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Dear Gravesend Council,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed change of use of land for a gypsy/traveller site near our community. This development is entirely inappropriate and raises serious concerns for local residents.

One of the biggest concerns is the potential increase in crime rates. There is already a history of issues associated with unauthorised traveller settlements, and many residents are fearful that this proposal will lead to a rise in crime and antisocial behavior. Additionally, fly-tipping is already a significant problem in the area. Only recently, a discarded mobile home-likely occupied by travellers-was abandoned near Vigo, and it took weeks to be removed. This kind of environmental neglect is unacceptable and will only get worse.

Furthermore, we must learn from past experiences. The settlement on Harvel Road, occupied by [REDACTED] was a prime example of how these sites can cause lasting damage. The protected woodland was completely destroyed, blighting the area and taking years of legal battles-at the taxpayer's expense-to finally remove them. I strongly object to my council tax being spent on another lengthy, expensive process like this.

The damage caused by travellers on White Post Lane is another stark reminder of the destruction these sites bring. Trees and greenery were completely wiped out just to accommodate mobile homes, permanently scarring the landscape. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and we should be protecting it, not allowing it to be ruined.

Although this may seem like a modest application for just a few facilities, history has shown that once the foot is in the door, it will quickly escalate. What starts as a small site will inevitably grow beyond control, leading to more problems for the community and greater financial burdens for the council and taxpayers.

This proposal will not only harm the environment but will also significantly reduce property values in the area. Residents should not have to endure financial losses or a decline in their quality of life due to a traveller site being imposed upon them.

Finally, I wish to remain anonymous due to the nature of my objection. Unfortunately, there is a genuine fear that speaking out against such developments could result in retaliation, such as vehicle theft or property vandalism. I know I am not alone in this concern, which only reinforces why this application should be rejected.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to refuse this proposal.

Yours sincerely,
[Anonymous Resident]

Kind regards