

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 06/06/2025 1:16 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	278 Lower Higham Road Gravesend Kent DA12 2NR
Proposal:	Formation of vehicular access on to 'C' classified road and provision of two off-street parking spaces in front garden with associated hard standing.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lucy Hankin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Lower Higham Road Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Points of consideration: - The verge contains underground services -The verge currently and repeatedly used as parking by the attached neighbouring property which would impede the view when exiting the proposed dropped kerb creating a danger to other road users -Limited view when exiting the proposed driveway due to neighbouring planting creating a danger to pedestrians The proposal would result in the removal of planting in the front garden which would have an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the street-scene (it should be noted that extensive established planting on the front boundary line has already recently been removed prior to the planning submission - a simple Google Street View search shows this - presumably in an attempt to support this application and downplay the amount of planting that was in fact required for this proposal). The loss of a large portion of the grass verge would erode the soft landscaped quality of the streetscape and be harmful to the visual amenity and character and appearance of the area. It is therefore submitted that the application is therefore contrary to Policy CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of Gravesham's Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework(2019). The verge softens the street scene and contributes positively to the visual amenity and character and appearance of the area. This proposal would result in an interruption of the verge and it is submitted that the permanent loss of the verge would erode the soft landscape quality of the streetscape. This would result in considerable harm to the visual amenity and character and appearance of the area which is contrary to Policy CS19 of the
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LPCS 2014.

This proposal would have a harmful effect on the character and appearance of the area and as such would be contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014) (CS) which requires new development to be visually attractive, fit for purpose and locally distinctive and to make a positive contribution to the street scene, public realm and the character of the area. It would also conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) as it would not add to the overall quality of the area.

It is submitted that the harm that would be caused to the character and appearance of the area would conflict with the development plan as a whole.

Kind regards