

Please post to: Rebecca Harrison, 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: 20260649

Case Officer: Rebecca Harrison

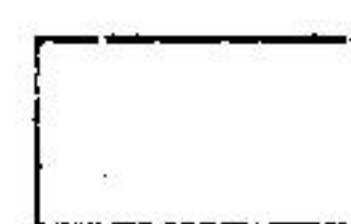
Location: Land North Of The Drove Way, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent

Proposal: Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way.

I am: **A Member of the Public:**
(Age 18 or above)



Neighbour of the site:



My Title & Full Name:



**My address
& postcode:**

THE DROVE WAY
ISTEAD RISE
NORTHFLEET
DA13 9JZ

I wish to **object** to planning application number **20260649** for the reasons stated below:

The land in question does not meet the criteria argued by the developer as Grey Belt as it is not in a 'Sustainable Location' nor does it 'Address Unmet Housing Need.'

This parcel of land has previously been refused planning permission by Gravesham Borough Council, the reasons for which are well documented and the visual impact on the open countryside has not changed since that refusal.

The area in question falls well short of requirements for affordable homes including poor transport facilities, no footpaths or cycle tracks to Gravesend or Meopham.

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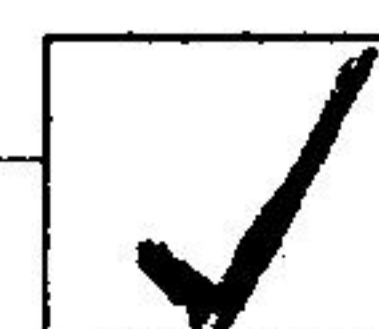
Signed & dated:

(Deadline for objections: 2/9/26)



25/8/26

Comments continued overleaf



I have a major concern over the additional traffic (100/150) extra vehicles plus delivery vans etc that will cause considerable congestion at merging roads and in particular Worcester Close where ^{there is} traffic from the new council flats, the Medical Centre and Community Centre and park. ~~and~~ The entrance to the shops car park is manic at times and I presume the transport assessment will confirm this after their inspection on a Friday and Saturday.

There are many vulnerable elderly residents and children that frequent this car park and road junction and I fear for their well being if the traffic is increased to the extent expected.

The Drove Way as a cul-de-sac was never designed as a 'through route' for a major development of this size.

The A227 main road is a fast flowing thoroughfare and entering from Istead Rise is difficult at peak times and I dread to think how dangerous this will be with the considerable increase in traffic envisaged.

I need also to express concern over the pressure on an already overloaded local school, Medical Practice and Hospital.

We are a car dependant village and I have grave concerns about the traffic congestion and safety and pollution.

I appreciate that there is a need for more homes in the Borough but I seriously question whether the proposed development in this area is totally appropriate.

Please decline this proposal.