

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/02/2026 1:07 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Guru Nanak Sports Club Trinity Road Gravesend Kent DA12 1LU
Proposal:	Erection of ball netting along the boundary.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Alanbrooke Alanbrooke Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am writing to formally object to the planning application submitted by Gravesend Gurdwara relating to the erection of netting directly outside and in clear view of my property.

I wish to place on record that I was not consulted at any stage prior to the installation of this structure, despite it being positioned immediately adjacent to my home and fully visible from all principal windows. The lack of consultation has been deeply disappointing and contrary to the spirit of community engagement that should accompany developments of this nature.

The netting structure has had a significant and negative impact on the amenity, outlook, and enjoyment of our home. It dominates the view from our windows, creating an oppressive and intrusive visual presence. The change to our outlook has materially altered the character and setting of our property, diminishing both the scenery and the sense of openness we previously enjoyed.

The emotional impact on my family has been considerable. The stress, frustration, and distress caused by this situation cannot be overstated. Every attempt we have made to raise our concerns directly with the applicant has been met with dismissal. Our objections regarding the adverse impact on our home, its setting, and its potential value have been laughed at and not taken seriously. This approach has compounded the distress we have experienced.

The justification provided by the applicant - that the nets were erected to prevent footballs from landing on our property during games or practice - is, in our

experience, unfounded. Historically, we have never experienced any inconvenience or issue from stray footballs. There has been no pattern of disturbance or damage that would warrant such a visually intrusive and disproportionate structure. The applicant has claimed that a separate set of netting was erected in prior years and that they were merely replanting them, however, this is blatantly untrue as I have been living at this property since November 1980 and have never seen the netting they refer to. Previously the land was 'The Barracks' and trees lined the view of my property. These were removed during the construction of the Gurdwara and never replanted.

Furthermore, the manner in which this development has been pursued demonstrates, in our view, a concerning level of entitlement and disregard for neighbouring residents. The absence of meaningful dialogue or compromise reflects poorly on what should be a community-focused organisation.

What adds to our disappointment is that we are regular congregation members of Gravesend Gurdwara and have donated towards its initial construction and continued development over the years. We attend regularly and have always supported the institution in good faith. To be treated with such dismissal and disregard has been particularly upsetting and has strained what should be a respectful and supportive community relationship. We also suspect that there is bias at play as a neighbour some houses down complained and her nets were removed promptly. I believe that as [REDACTED] was not a congregation member, she was seen as a potential concern so they took her complaint more seriously. As we are members of the [REDACTED] we feel that we are being overlooked, taken for granted and effectively being told to 'put up and shut up.'

From a planning perspective, I ask the Council to carefully consider:

The visual impact of the netting structure on neighbouring properties.

The loss of outlook and residential amenity.

The scale and prominence of the structure relative to its surroundings.

The absence of demonstrated need, given the lack of historical issues with stray footballs.

The lack of prior neighbour consultation.

I respectfully request that this application be refused. Alternatively, I ask that the applicant be required to significantly reconsider the design, height, positioning, and necessity of the netting to mitigate its impact on neighbouring residential properties.

Kind regards