

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/08/2026 4:59 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hill Close Gravesham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Subject: Planning Objection - Application Reference: 20260649 (Land North of The Drove Way, Istead Rise) I am writing to formally object to the outline planning application for up to 100 residential dwellings and associated works on land north of The Drove Way, Istead Rise. Green Belt and Environmental Impact Inappropriate development: The site sits on open farmland and rural countryside that forms an integral part of the local Green Belt. Building here violates local and national policies aimed at protecting green spaces from urban sprawl. Loss of habitat: The 5.7-hectare site consists of valuable arable land, mature trees, hedgerows, and woodland that support local wildlife and biodiversity. Construction would permanently destroy these natural habitats. Traffic and Highway Safety Unsuitable access: Creating new vehicle access points directly onto The Drove Way will introduce heavy traffic onto residential roads that are unsuited to handle a massive surge in vehicle movements. Congestion and cut-throughs: Local roads already suffer from congestion, particularly when motorists use Istead Rise as a cut-through during disruptions
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on the nearby A2. An extra 100 households (equating to well over 150 additional vehicles) will gridlock local junctions. Both Wrotham Road and New Barn Road have tailbacks of traffic in the mornings taking in excess traffic will cause even further issues.

Construction disruption: The construction phase will bring heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) onto narrow residential layouts for years, creating severe safety risks and disruption.

Strain on Local Infrastructure

Healthcare capacity: Local GP surgeries and medical services are already operating at or beyond capacity, struggling to service current residents.

Downsway Medical practice has no capacity for new patients. There is no footpath to get out of the village on Wrotham Road for children to access to local schools in Meopham and no bike lane to ease congestion.

School places: Local primary and secondary schools lack the surplus capacity to absorb the influx of children this development would generate. Istead primary is oversubscribed and local residents cannot get a place for their children so have to get in their car to drive to schools out of the area.

Utilities: The added burden on local drainage, water supply, and sewerage networks risks exacerbating existing infrastructure strains in the rural area.

Character of the Area

Urbanisation: Adding 100 high-density dwellings fundamentally alters the peaceful, semi-rural character and identity of the Istead Rise community. For these reasons, this application should be refused.



Kind regards