

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/05/2024 11:13 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	REVISED DESCRIPTION cr Change of use of the basement and ground floor of the public house to use class F1(f) Public Worship or religious instruction (or in connection with such use).
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Suffolk Road Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I strongly support this planning application. The Design and Access statement clearly lays out how this academy will support the local community and Gravesend will be much better for it. The parking is absolutely not an issue since there are three car parks within a short stroll from the location. I myself walk down these roads regularly to walk to the train station, town centre, and other local accessible facilities and this will be no different. People walk down these roads all the time as the one way system isn't conducive to driving anyway, ultimately most people who use this place will definitely walk because the location is perfect for residents on these and surrounding roads. Gravesend is a multi-cultural town and we need more of these facilities whereby all of the community can be supported, taught new skills, the homeless and poverty stricken helped. There are several public houses in this area, at least 5 or 6 which do not get much footfall anyway, apart from the frankly disorderly behaviour which spews out of them in the late hours on a weekend. The honest truth is, as a local resident this proposed change is a far better alternative for community cohesion, a place where young and elderly can socialise with their friends, can learn new skills, maybe help out with the food-bank and poverty alleviation schemes. This town is comprised of multiple ethnic groups, and all of our residents need to be supported for this town to prosper. I especially like the way the D&S statement mentions community cohesion and the focus on community activities, this can only be positive for the local area, bringing together residents harmoniously rather than in brawls outside the peacock in the late hours.
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This seems to be thoroughly researched and well thought of, as all of the community has been mentioned, not just muslims but people of all faith.

I don't see any issue in this application and to be honest people who do, most likely don't appreciate the multiculturalism of this country and of our town, where there is the largest sikh temple in Europe and a church a stones throw away from the proposed location of this academy.

That is the beauty of Gravesend where we have such a mixture of personalities and people who can contribute to our community, and Al Haqq Academy have clearly demonstrated that they care deeply about the local residents and the wider community through the proposed activities.

It would be completely unfair for this to be rejected as there are no solid grounds for it not to be accepted, I will be using the facilities on a daily basis, I have already spoken to many of my friends who would like to lend a hand for the food-bank programme, and we would like to get involved to make this area a better place to live in.

This is also quite important in my opinion for the safety of ethnic groups in Gravesend, as we need centres which accept the full range of people in our town, to make this town habitable for everyone here and not have outcasts who feel like this town is not their own. The more we welcome people the more this town will boom economically and hopefully we can regenerate the local community, expand footfall to the town centre, get the local shops buzzing again and make this town a better place.

I was really disappointed when the regeneration plans were rejected by the government but this has made me happy that there are organisations seeking to make Gravesend a better more wholesome place for all of its residents.

Kind regards