

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 05/05/2025 3:01 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Northfleet School For Girls Hall Road Northfleet Gravesend Kent DA11 8AQ
Proposal:	Construction of floodlit synthetic turf pitch with perimeter fencing, spectator areas and access paths; installation of flood lighting around existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA); installation of storage container; and formation of landscaped bund.
Case Officer:	Mrs Kelly Joyce

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Riversdale Northfleet Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I strongly object to the proposal. I think it is terrible we have not been informed and I found out by chance. I can see the [REDACTED] I am very concerned about the light from the floodlights. This would disturb me and stop me from sleeping as well as young children. I can already hear some noise such as on sports day and event days, especially the Tannoy messages. However, I do not feel as residents we should have to put up with more noise, lights and swearing. 7 days a week and till 10pm is ridiculous. This is a residential area. Also, there would be noise after 10 pm from people leaving. We should be able to enjoy our properties and in peace. Especially not for a profit -making academy. As this would be all year round not even in school times. I also feel wildlife would be affected by the noise and lights. Hall Road already gets very busy with traffic. Sometimes when there is an incident on the A2 it grinds to a halt. This is the road we have to use to get to the hospital. With more traffic in the future due to the Lower Thames Crossing this is not the right location. I note there are two comments in support, these persons do live near the school so would not have to put up with the noise or lights. Also, one of them lives in Meopham. This would actually be a better location. We already have pitches in Gravesend such as Kedbull Leisure which has grass and 3G pitches in this area. Where swearing can be heard, I have been told by a friend. There is also Gravesend Legend Sports and The Gurdwara provides facilities. Guru Nanak Ladies uses these facilities. This plan is not to encourage football but a profit-making idea with no thought for the residents or the care home. I am also concerned that due to this being a 3G pitch rubber microplastics will go into the ecosystem. These microplastics easily escape from a pitch. Lost granules can end up down drains, in nearby rivers and can build up in soil and cause harm to wildlife and end up in the food chain. The EU is aware of this and has therefore stated no more 3G pitches will be allowed after 2031. There are also concerns that this could affect residents water flow and can the sewer cope as water will collect. At the moment grass absorbs the water and is more environmentally friendly. Could this lead to water flooding onto nearby
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properties?

The EU has also raised concerns due to potentially cancerous chemicals contained within artificial 3G pitches. These pitches are banned in the Netherlands. Yale identified 306 chemicals of which 197 are carcinogenic. Benzene one of these also seeps into the earth below and can be fatal if swallowed. This will be stuck in grazes of young people. Cancer among Players report has highlighted a spike in cancer rates especially in goalies who have more contact with the ground. A new study by Stirling University called for these pitches to be banned. The rubber used in these pitches contains chemicals such as lead and mercury that are possibly carcinogenic. Professor Andrew Watterson stated there are no safe levels for carcinogens crumb rubber should be phased out. The Professor stated research used by government and sport bodies was seriously outdated and deeply flawed. I would urge the council to take this latest research into account to protect residents and young peoples, health. These chemicals will be in the air and breathed in by residents. If residents end up with cancer, we will hold the council responsible and take legal action as a group if we are not protected.

On top of this it will destroy natural habitats and disturb wildlife. The lifespan of a 3G pitch is 8-10 years. This will mean more noise for residents. There is no way of recycling them. I thought we were supposed to be reducing landfill. Grass or cork is better.

All of these factors outlined above combined could also devalue our properties. I would urge you to put residents before profit.

Kind regards