

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/09/2026 7:09 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] Crockenhall way Istead Rise

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of new housing within the village.

Since moving to the area, I have really come to appreciate the village, its community and, in particular, the surrounding countryside and natural environment. While I understand the need for housing, I am concerned that this development would have a significant and potentially irreversible impact on the character of the village, the local infrastructure and the wildlife and nature that currently make this area such a special place to live.

One of my biggest concerns is the impact on the existing wildlife and natural environment. The land and surrounding areas provide valuable green space and habitat for a variety of wildlife, and developing this area would inevitably result in the loss and disturbance of natural habitat.

The countryside surrounding our village is not simply an empty space waiting to be developed. It is part of the local ecosystem and provides an important environment for birds, insects, mammals and other wildlife. Increased building, construction activity, lighting, noise, traffic and the loss of vegetation could all have a detrimental effect on the wildlife that currently lives in and around the site.

I am particularly concerned about the permanent loss of green and natural space. Once this land has been developed, the impact cannot simply be reversed. I believe the importance of protecting existing habitats and maintaining areas of nature and biodiversity needs to be given far greater consideration when assessing the proposal.

There is also a wider concern about the cumulative effect of development in the area. Each individual development can appear manageable in isolation, but when additional housing is continually added to a village, the overall loss of open countryside and natural habitats becomes increasingly significant.

I am also concerned about the additional pressure that more than 100 new residents could place on our local services and infrastructure.

Our local GP surgery is currently a good and valued service within the village, and I am concerned that an increase of more than 100 additional residents could place considerable strain on its capacity. I fear that this could make it more difficult for existing residents to access appointments and receive the level of service that is currently available.

The additional population would also inevitably increase pressure on local roads, parking, schools and other community facilities. I do not believe that the impact of this increase should be considered simply in terms of the number of houses being built, but also in terms of whether the existing village infrastructure and essential services are realistically able to support the additional population.

I strongly believe that new development should be proportionate to the size and character of the village and should not come at the expense of the surrounding countryside, wildlife and natural environment.

The village's green spaces, surrounding fields and natural habitats are an important part of its identity. They provide not only a home for wildlife but also an important environment for residents to enjoy and connect with nature. Once these areas are replaced by housing, that character and natural value cannot easily be recovered.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the application is carefully reconsidered and that the impact on wildlife, biodiversity, natural habitats, local healthcare provision and the wider infrastructure of the village is fully assessed before any decision is made.

I hope that the importance of protecting the existing natural environment and maintaining the character of our village will be given serious consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.



Kind regards