

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/05/2025 2:22 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House (sui generis) to Place of Worship or Religious Instruction (Class F1) at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] peacock street greavesnd Kent Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to express wholehearted support for the proposed conversion of a building into a mosque in Gravesend. This initiative is not only timely-it is essential. It represents a beacon of hope, unity, and progress for a growing, diverse community that has long been in need of such a facility. Gravesend is a proud and vibrant town known for its cultural richness and spirit of inclusion. For generations, people from all backgrounds-faiths, ethnicities, and traditions-have lived here side by side, contributing to the social, economic, and spiritual fabric of our borough. But despite the growing number of Muslim families in the area, there remains a serious lack of adequate space for worship, education, and community services tailored to their needs. This mosque would directly address that. This isn't just about bricks and mortar-it's about building a space where families can pray together, where young people can learn values of peace, compassion, and service, and where interfaith dialogues can flourish. A mosque is more than a place of worship; it is a hub for social cohesion, charity, youth engagement, mental health support, and community welfare. It provides vital services that uplift not only Muslims, but everyone in the wider community. There is a real, growing need. Many Muslim residents are currently forced to travel significant distances to attend congregational prayers or religious events, which poses serious challenges, particularly for the elderly, for women with young children, and for those with limited mobility. In times of grief or celebration-be it funerals, Ramadan, Eid, or weddings-the lack of a local facility places enormous strain on families and creates a painful sense of exclusion from the community they otherwise serve and contribute to. This conversion will bring dignity, structure, and support to hundreds of households. It will ensure that the next generation grows up with a sense of belonging and the means to practice their faith peacefully, responsibly, and openly-values that we should all support in a free and democratic society.
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To oppose such a move would not only ignore the realities of our town's diversity, but also risk undermining the very principles of mutual respect, integration, and understanding that we cherish in Gravesend. The Muslim community here is peaceful, law-abiding, charitable, and deeply committed to the well-being of the wider society. They have been part of the town's heartbeat for decades. Now, they are asking for a space to pray, to reflect, to contribute, and to grow.

This is not just a religious matter-it is a matter of equality, inclusion, and justice.

I urge the local authorities and all members of the public to stand on the side of compassion, progress, and unity. Let us show the country what Gravesend stands for. Let us support the conversion of this building into a mosque-a sanctuary for the many, not the few.

Kind regards