

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/06/2026 10:30 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Former St Josephs Convent Preparatory School 46 Old Road East Gravesend Kent DA12 1NR
Proposal:	Application for variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission reference number 20240013 for conversion of existing Victorian building into 6 flats. Demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of a 3 storey medical centre. Erection of a building containing 7no flats. Erection of 41no houses. Associated works to include; access, public open space and landscaping; to allow amendments to the proposed size of the housing units to include 4 bedroom housing and additional 3 bed housing.
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Coombe road Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am opposed to the changes to the development as the increase in size of the houses from 3 to 4 or 2 to 3 bedrooms represents a substantial increase in the number of people living in the development and with that the number of cars that will need space to park. With inadequate parking planned in the development already, this will create an extremely difficult situation for everyone living in the surrounding roads including myself on Coombe road. The pedestrian cut through and medical centre mean we will already see more people parking on Coombe road that do not live there. And far more if the residents of the new develop cannot find space to park on their own roads. In Coombe road this will exacerbate the current difficulty residents experience with parking already. Difficulty parking is not just an issue that makes residents lives more difficult but it is a serious safety concern. Bad parking, or even just dense parking caused by lack of available space, makes pulling out of junctions harder due to poor visibility, makes accidents far more likely, and crucially also makes it dangerous for pedestrians especially children, and there are lots of young families in our road. Frequently we already see vehicles around whitehill road, driving through small gaps, having to reverse out onto the main road with almost no visibility, and
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even mounting the pavement to get past! This is clearly a serious hazard. Our Victorian terraced roads were not designed with parking in mind and we struggle to cope. To make the same error in 2026 is beyond daft, and would represent a failure of the local council to listen to the concerns of residents and to put their safety first.

It is totally unreasonable for the plans to only include the bare minimum allocation of a single parking space per house under the guise of "encouraging public transport" when there are no useful bus routes to the area! The reality is that more people means more cars and the hazard this presents cannot be ignored by the council. The average family household in a 3 bed house has more than 1 car, it is ridiculous to not recognise this reality, and knowingly approve a site that will have serious parking problems in an area with serious parking problems already.

People need places to live, and I am sure other residents appreciate as I do the need for more housing across Kent. But, it needs to be built in a way that doesn't cause more problems for current and future residents. It's reasonable to demand that the new development meets a standard that does not make our lives worse. There is space to build a development with adequate parking for lots of new houses, just not the huge quantity and sizes planned.

The scale of the development I am sure will be defended by the developer as the only scale that is "viable" as was mentioned in the planning decision meeting. But what they truthfully mean is that this is the only scale that is "hugely profitable", and profitable for a private company not the local council itself. It is the remit of the local council to provide housing that meets the needs of everyone in the community and that includes us as current residents.

Kind regards