

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 28/03/2024 11:19 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use of the basement and ground floor of the public house to an academy with community services.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Allen's Mead Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	"Gravesend town centre has an unemployment rate of around 7% compared to the national rate of 4.5%; around 25% of adults living in the ward have no qualifications; childhood obesity stands at 26% against a national average of 20%; and 16.5% of children are from low-income families, compared to the national average of 15.6%. "Added to that we have more than 1,000 households on our housing register and historically high numbers of families in temporary accommodation; there is a desperate need for quality new homes in the town centre." The above are a list of concerns dictated by the Gravesham Borough Council itself when the Govt rejected its bid for the £20m regeneration scheme. Al Haqq Academy in its design statement has explained in great detail the significant works it is providing for the local and wider community in Gravesend. We have significant issues in Gravesend especially with regards to the ratio of poverty stricken/low-income families which is greater than the national average. These issues come from the severe unemployment in this borough, the lack of skills of the adult population, and the failure to address these issues. Gravesham Council had a fantastic regeneration bid rejected by the government, but there is no reason why smaller organisations can't work together with the council and work towards regeneration. The council had a clear and concise plan as to how to alleviate the issues in this community, and the Academy's design statement shows a strong commitment to working towards these goals. I especially am excited for the food bank and the opportunities this provides for the community. It's a terrible shame that living in such a vibrant town as Gravesend, that 16.5% of children are facing low-income issues and struggling to
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have a warm meal. I am delighted that organisations are looking to combat this and I honestly don't understand why anyone human would have an issue with it? Surely we should all be delighted that those less fortunate are given a chance to succeed in life and that surely must start with having a stable diet and nutritionally sustainable lifestyle.

Having read the design statement in detail I can strongly support this planning application as I am excited to see the opportunities this brings to the local area. It is mentioned that the charitable project actually relieves the parking stress on the area, as it takes away the pressure on the Gravesend Central Mosque and distributes the attendees in a more efficient way, reducing congestion.

Overall, the works this academy is providing will make Gravesend a far better place, and in conjunction with the Gravesham Borough Council I am anticipating a regeneration of this community and more importantly a better future for those who live in this area.

There are some areas in Gravesend that are incredibly challenged in terms of youth disturbance, and Al Haqq Academy wants to work to combat this.

We all have a responsibility to alleviate these issues, how on earth gravesend can have 16.5% of children coming from low-income families is beyond comprehension and it's about time the community is regenerated - and if the government won't give our council the tools to do so it's up to smaller organisations to support the Council and make these changes a reality.

I am particularly pleased to see the wider community supporting this project. As I have seen people from all backgrounds and faiths supporting this initiative - as they realise like so many others that this project will make Gravesend a much better place.

Thank you for your time and I can't wait to see this academy open as soon as possible!

Kind regards