

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/03/2026 1:23 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Cherry Trees Ridge Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Retrospective change of use for the siting of 4 pitches for Gypsy / Traveller occupation to include one static, one touring caravan and one amenity building on each pitch. Associated changes in land levels and hard / soft landscaping.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Ridge Lane Culverstone Green Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: This is an outrageous abuse of planning process, and an attack upon the GREEN BELT. The behaviour of those proposing this development has had a significant and detrimental effect upon the local ecology. It is not a town or suburb, it is the countryside. We cannot afford further loss of GREEN BELT habitat for wildlife in this area. Without planning permission trees have been felled and destroyed in an area of outstanding natural beauty, tatty fences, and tatty signage and mailboxes have been erected along with inappropriate metal gates, all at the expense of the ecology of Green belt land. Tarmac has been laid down with no regard for the flood risk or drainage run-off or the neighbouring residents or land. This illegal development has wrecked the openness of the countryside. The ludicrous and excessive request for numerous car parking and ancillary buildings makes a nonsense of the planning process and is a blatant attempt of personal convenience and personal finances overriding the rule of law, the Green Belt, nature, and local residents.

Already locals have been intimidated by those wrecking this area of outstanding natural beauty, and it appears quite apparent that neighbouring plots trespassed and encroached upon. Such anti-social behaviour should not be tolerated or encouraged.

This area has already accommodated and ultimately accepted an retrospective development using similar sledgehammer retrospective planning tactics a short distance away in Heron Hill 'As Gravesham had not provided enough plots for

travellers' Oddly that plot is not at capacity. Nor is there any evidence of alternative sites being sought. If more travellers need to be accommodated then alternative brown field sites should be found at alternative locations away from the current plot in Heron Hill. There are no special circumstances to justify the destruction of the Green Belt surroundings nor to turn Ridge Lane and Heron Hill into the bespoke traveller default location for housing.

If this application is allowed there will be a free-for-all in Culverstone Green with travellers from all over the UK being attracted to a soft touch mentality by the authorities, both local and central. Indeed I note that those supporting this outrageous illegal land-grab are curiously from some distances away.

The unadopted road (paid for by residents) is unable to cope with the additional traffic and allowing this development would be contrary to highway safety. Already we are seeing an increase in commercial works vehicles. Simply put, the road cannot cope with heavy traffic from such developments. It is wholly unsuitable for large and excessive developments like this.

The local schools, dentists and GP facilities locally are already stretched. This area is not suitable for such a heavy footfall. I ask the authorities to refuse this application, and enforce where necessary.

Kind regards