

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 2:10 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] Wilsons Way Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I strongly object to this retrospective planning application for the change of use of land to provide 4 Gypsy / Traveller pitches at Heron Hill, Meopham Valley.

This proposal represents inappropriate development in a protected rural countryside location. Development in this area is normally strictly controlled to protect the landscape and rural character of Meopham Valley. Local residents are frequently refused permission for new buildings or development for this reason, therefore allowing four permanent pitches with caravans, amenity buildings, hardstanding and land level changes would undermine the planning policies that protect the countryside.

The proposal also conflicts with the Government's Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, which requires that traveller sites should respect the character of the countryside, protect local amenity and be located in suitable and sustainable locations.

In addition, Heron Hill is a narrow rural road that already experiences traffic pressures. The development would increase vehicle movements associated with multiple residential pitches, which raises legitimate highway safety concerns.

The application is retrospective, meaning the development has already taken place without planning permission. Granting approval in these circumstances risks undermining the integrity of the planning system and setting an undesirable

precedent.

For these reasons I respectfully request that the council refuses this application in order to protect the countryside character of Meopham Valley and ensure planning policies are applied consistently.

Kind regards