

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 14/02/2025 10:14 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Change of Use of Land to form a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 1 Mobile Home, 1 Touring Caravan, and 1 Dayroom.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED], Sole Street, Cobham Kent, Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development at White Post Lane, Sole Street. This application is unlawful and inappropriate, seriously threatening the local environment and the integrity of the planning system.

1. High Court Injunction Prohibiting Residential Use

This site is protected by a legally binding High Court injunction issued in 2009, which explicitly prohibits any residential use of this land. The Order applies to all current and future owners or occupiers and remains fully enforceable.

Any application approval would directly contravene a High Court ruling, undermine the legal system's and the Council's authority, and set a precedent that planning laws can be ignored without consequence.

2. Unauthorised Development and Environmental Destruction

Despite previous refusals and clear legal restrictions, unauthorised works continue to take place on-site, including:

- Illegal placement of caravans and structures.
- Ongoing destruction of trees and green space, severely impacting biodiversity and the local environment.
- The recent unlawful laying of an asphalt driveway appears to be a direct attempt to establish permanent residential access despite the clear legal restrictions.

Allowing this application would effectively legitimise unlawful activity, setting a dangerous precedent for future unauthorised developments across Gravesham and beyond.

3. Highway Safety and Infrastructure Strain

White Post Lane is a narrow country lane, entirely unsuitable for further development. Approving this application would:

- Increase traffic on roads that cannot accommodate additional vehicles, increasing the risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and existing residents.
- cause further damage to the surrounding environment, as additional infrastructure and services would need to be provided to an area not designated for development.
- Encourage further unauthorised works, such as the illegally laid driveway, threatening the area's rural character.

4. Previous Planning Refusals and Policy Violations

This site has already been subject to multiple planning refusals for residential use, all of which should be upheld. The proposed development also contradicts local and national planning policies, which aim to:

- Protect rural areas from inappropriate development.
- Ensure land-use policies are followed and enforced.
- Prevent unlawful occupation of land that is not designated for residential use.

5. Urgent Need for Enforcement Action

In addition to refusing this planning application, the Council must act immediately to:

- Investigate and halt the unlawful driveway construction.
- Seriously threatens- Enforce the removal of all unauthorised structures and developments currently on-site.
- Prevent further breaches of planning law and legal rulings.

Conclusion: The application Must Be Rejected, and Enforcement Action Taken

This proposal violates a legally binding High Court injunction, disregards previous planning refusals, and continues to harm the environment. Furthermore, the recently laid asphalt driveway is an unlawful attempt to further establish residential use in defiance of legal and planning restrictions.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to:

- Refuse this application immediately.
- Enforce the removal of all unlawful structures and the recently laid driveway.
- Take legal action against ongoing breaches of planning law.

I trust the Council will take the necessary steps to protect the local environment, uphold the law, and prevent further unlawful development in Sole Street.

Kind regards