

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/09/2025 4:35 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent DA13 9AX
Proposal:	Change of use of the land for the stationing of 8 mobile homes for gypsy and traveller use, erection of associated day rooms, soft landscaping and laying of hardstanding (part retrospective).
Case Officer:	Mr Ethan Bonthron

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Cobham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Green Belt & Rural Character : Site is within the Metropolitan Green Belt, where inappropriate development is strongly resisted. Proposed works (homes, day rooms, hardstanding, landscaping) would urbanise and erode rural openness. No very special circumstances demonstrated to outweigh Green Belt harm. Highway Safety & Access : White Post Lane is narrow, unlit, lacks footways. Projected traffic from eight households plus service vehicles heightens risks for all road users. Transport statement fails to show safe visibility splays, turning space, or access without adverse impact. Past unauthorised deliveries damaged trees, wildlife, and blocked the road without proper notice. Flood Risk & Drainage : Area prone to surface-water flooding due to heavy clay soils and poor drainage. Increased impermeable surfaces would intensify runoff onto adjacent land and highway. No Sustainable Drainage Strategy submitted to manage flood risk per national/local policy. Sustainability & Accessibility : Remote location far from amenities and public transport forces private vehicle dependence. Conflicts with Council goals on sustainable travel, carbon reduction, and accessible communities. Applicant hasn't proven need that can't be met at a more sustainable site. Precedent & Retrospective Development :
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Works already carried out without permission; retrospective approval sets a dangerous precedent.
Threatens to undermine the Council's control over future unauthorised developments in open countryside.

Planning History & Enforcement :

Site's history of traveller applications commenced after illegal works.

Proposed scale (eight homes) exceeds previously approved developments; no special need demonstrated.

Overlap with neighbouring site that recently won a single-residence appeal raises validity questions.

Existing injunction on site should be enforced.

Community Impact & Behaviour :

White Post Lane has become a focal point for unauthorised traveller activity, upsetting residents.

Site owners have:

Blocked the lane arbitrarily

Illegally connected to utilities

Burnt and dumped rubbish

Other, more suitable locations exist within Gravesham for traveller accommodation.

Kind regards