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We strongly object to the plan to build 154 houses in the fields to the south of Downs Road.

Our family of three generations moved out of London to enjoy the countryside, green fields and cleaner air. We bought our house particularly because it backed onto green belt land and allowed peace and quiet after the noise and pollution of London.

Gravesham has a variety of brownfield site which it is failing to develop and use, surely these should be your priority and not the change of green belt to grey.

The development itself puts the only access road next to the infant and primary school and the nursery. The road is already too busy with congestion at school times. There is very little public transport so anyone moving to the new development would need a car. We cannot believe that you would consider approving an additional 300 or so cars exiting right beside the school with the noise, traffic and pollution this would generate, endangering the health of the children. These cars would also make getting onto and off Istead Rise more difficult.

Our Medical centre is already over stretched and appointments are difficult to get. If you add a further 3-400 people this will add to the pressure and stretch the service even further.

We have badgers, foxes and small animals in the woodland behind us. There are crows, pigeons and herons nesting in the woodland. The herons are a protected species so the woodland must be preserved. We should not be losing agricultural land with its natural drainage and food production just to make a profit for the developers.

