

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/02/2026 10:43 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:	School Lane Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to formally object to application 20260141. This proposal represents an inappropriate and harmful development of agricultural land that disregards local planning policy and the character of the Meopham area. My objections are based on the following grounds: 1. Retrospective Nature and Procedural Disregard This application is retrospective, with work having commenced on December 22, 2025. The applicant has already completed significant hardstanding and track elements without prior authorization. This demonstrates a total disregard for the planning process and has allowed for the immediate removal of the site's original agricultural character. 2. Impact on Landscape and Rural Character The site is located in a restricted rural area currently classed as agricultural land. The introduction of four permanent pitches-comprising four static caravans, four touring caravans, and four brick-and-tile amenity buildings-represents a significant over-development of a 0.25-hectare site. This urbanization of the countryside is contrary to local policies designed to protect the rural landscape of Gravesham. 3. Inappropriate Scale and Density The proposal seeks to introduce a high density of residential use where none previously existed. The site will see an increase from zero parking spaces to
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eight, leading to a substantial increase in vehicle movements on Ridge Lane. This intensity of use is incompatible with the surrounding residential and agricultural context.

4. Biodiversity and Environmental Impact

The applicant claims exemption from Biodiversity Net Gain requirements specifically because they have already completed the hardstanding and track. This is an attempt to bypass environmental protections by presenting unauthorized damage to the land as a "completed" fact. Furthermore, the application acknowledges that there are trees and hedges on and adjacent to the site that are important to the local landscape character. The development places these natural features at significant risk.

5. Impact on Local Amenity

The scale of the development and the associated noise, light pollution, and traffic generated by eight caravans and four permanent amenity buildings will have a detrimental impact on the quiet enjoyment of neighboring properties.

Conclusion

The applicant has demonstrated a clear intent to circumvent planning laws by initiating works before seeking permission. The development offers no benefit to the local community, destroys the agricultural nature of the site, and ignores the restrictive planning protections in place for this area. I strongly urge the Planning Department to refuse this application and consider enforcement action to restore the land to its original state.

Kind regards