

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/03/2025 1:33 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY
Proposal:	Erection of a 4x 4 bedroom houses with garage, home-office and gardens on the land north of the Convent of Mercy Gravesend. Works include an extension of Hillside Drive ending in a new turning area, private driveway and off-road parking for each house, an electrical substation, and a managed biodiversity area along the north-east boundary of the site.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Turnstones Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I object wholly with the current application for 4 town houses on this land for numerous reasons. 1. Policy CS19 Local Core Plan Strategy. This mandates that new developments should conserve and enhance the local character. These 3 storey, flat roofed, ugly designs are completely at odds with the local character of Hillside Drive, Old Road East. Pine Avenue, The Yews and The Turnstones, Lapwings etc The flat roof is certainly not typical, a pitched roof with integrated solar panel system would be far more ecological. Not withstanding the need for scaffolding every few years for repair. The exterior colours are also untypical of the area. 2. Biodiversity I have read this report and can only call it cynical at best. It's manipulation of data is astounding. Do the architects not realise we have watched, while a great deal of cutting back of trees, hedgerows etc has been taking place in the Convent grounds very recently. This hasn't happened in years. So now despite a great deal of trees and hedgerows being further reduced for these houses, they tell us they're increasing the bio diversity by 25%. If i clear my garden of all plants, i can also say I've increased my biodiversity by 25% What of the wild life that has lived and thrived in this little piece of greenery for over 90 years? 3. Transport statement This also is written with manipulation of information. There is no savings of journeys. There haven't been 66 people in residence for many years. Only 2 cars are currently driven by the remaining few residents. There can only be an increase. Apart from cars from new houses there will be service vehicles,
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deliveries, visitors.

4. Road safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Access and egress from this site is already a danger with such a narrow opening and visibility. This is already a dangerous spot as is The Turnstones (despite what the council says) with the number of children using Old Road East for schools. Pick up's and drop offs, trying to cross the road without the Crossing Patrol(yes i know there is one). Ive witnessed many occasions when exiting The Turnstones of children and cyclists being in danger.

This further development will only increase these dangers.

5. Residents in the immediate vicinity of the Convent have had to put up with constant noise from their refurbishment plans. These were accepted, as were the development of their existing buildings for homes. But we don't want to live like this for another 2 years. We have a right to quiet enjoyment of our gardens.

In summary i feel the cynical nature of this application needs to be rejected.

These 4 ugly, 3 storey houses are not in keeping with the area. They will reduce a non-polluted, green space fully of wildlife that should be enjoyed and protected. It's one of few remaining green spaces that helps with reducing co2 emissions in an already built up area. It will create loss of privacy for all nearby residents and also noise pollution. The danger to pedestrians and cyclists using Old Road East should not be ignored.

Kind regards