

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/08/2026 10:29 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] _yndhurst Way Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am writing as a local resident and neighbour to object to this application.

I am not against new homes being built, and I understand that housing is needed. However, I am concerned that the infrastructure in this area is already struggling to cope, and I do not believe it is reasonable to keep adding housing without properly addressing the impact on existing residents, local services and the environment.

Local schools are already heavily subscribed. Adding more homes will inevitably mean more children needing school places, and I would like the Council to establish whether there is genuinely enough capacity in local schools to accommodate the additional children this development will create.

The same concern applies to GP and healthcare services. Getting a GP appointment can already be difficult, and local NHS services and hospitals are under significant pressure. Adding more residents will inevitably increase demand on services that are already stretched. I would like to see evidence that the additional healthcare demand created by this development can actually be accommodated.

Traffic is already a problem in the area. Roads are busy, and additional housing will inevitably mean more cars, more congestion and more journeys. This will

also mean increased exhaust emissions and air pollution, affecting people who already live here and contributing to pollution in the wider environment.

The current bus service is extremely poor, with limited, infrequent and unreliable services. Many new residents will therefore have little realistic alternative to using a car. I am concerned that this development will increase car dependency rather than provide a genuinely sustainable transport option. If the development is approved, I would like to know what practical improvements to public transport will actually be delivered.

I am also concerned about whether the existing water and sewerage infrastructure has enough capacity to support additional homes. More residents mean greater demand for water and increased pressure on sewage infrastructure.

There is also the issue of surface-water drainage. New homes, roads, driveways and other hard surfaces reduce the amount of rainwater that can naturally soak into the ground. I am concerned that this could increase runoff and make existing drainage or flooding problems worse.

The Council needs to be satisfied that this development will not increase flood risk for existing residents or elsewhere. Heavy rainfall events are becoming more frequent and intense, and drainage needs to be considered in the context of the problems already experienced locally, rather than simply relying on what can theoretically be achieved through a drainage scheme.

I am also concerned about the continued loss of green space and natural habitat in the area. Development gradually removes hedgerows, trees, grassland and other habitats that are important for birds, bats, insects, hedgehogs and other wildlife. Even where individual developments provide replacement planting or biodiversity improvements, the cumulative loss of established natural habitat is still significant.

I am particularly concerned about the loss of agricultural land. Once productive farmland is built on, it is effectively lost for food production for the foreseeable future. With population growth, increasing pressure on food supplies and the effects of climate change, we should be very careful about permanently removing productive agricultural land from use. The Council should properly consider the quality and productivity of the land and the long-term implications of losing it for future food production.

My biggest concern is the cumulative effect of continued development. One development may appear manageable when considered on its own, but residents are already experiencing increased traffic, pollution, pressure on schools and healthcare, inadequate public transport and concerns about water, sewage, drainage and flooding.

The question should be whether the infrastructure is actually keeping pace with development, rather than simply whether another development can technically be accommodated.

I respectfully ask the Council to properly consider whether the existing infrastructure can genuinely support this development and whether the additional traffic, pollution, pressure on schools and healthcare, water and drainage requirements, flood risk, loss of wildlife habitat and loss of agricultural land can be accommodated without an unacceptable impact on existing residents and the environment.

I am asking the Council to consider the long-term consequences, not just the immediate number of houses being proposed.

If the necessary infrastructure and appropriate mitigation cannot be properly demonstrated and secured, I ask that this application be refused.

Thank you for taking the concerns of local residents into consideration.

Kind regards