

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/01/2026 5:30 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Rose Farm Downs Road Istead Rise Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the demolition of 64 Downs Road and erection of up to 154No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matters reserved except for access. Creation of a new access from Downs Road.
Case Officer:	Adeoye Lawal

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Customer Details

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

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am concerned about the use of green belt land for housing. This would impact on wildlife as their natural habitats are destroyed. There is also the fact that this land is currently farming land. We need to maintain as much fertile farming land as possible so that our country can provide as much of its own food as possible. Should we, as an island, get cut off for any reason (e.g. warfare) we would be in dire straits if we cannot produce sufficient food ourselves. The traffic situation is also a major concern. As we have very limited access to public transport in Istead Rise (an extremely limited bus service) any new residents would need their own transport .This would be a possible 300 plus (most families are 2 car families and some even more) cars using the village roads and its feeder roads.The traffic situation out onto Wrotham Road and New Barn Road is already a nightmare particularly at school times . How are local hospitals and GP surgeries going to cope with the increased population in Istead Rise? I have seen written evidence from both the Istead Rise surgery and the Meopham surgery stating that they are already at maximum capacity. And Darent Valley hospital struggles to cope with their increased usage as more and more houses have been built within its catchment area.
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Kind regards