

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/05/2025 2:07 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use from Public House (sui generis) to Place of Worship or Religious Instruction (Class F1) at ground floor.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	MILTON ROAD SWANSCOMBE

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I write in full support of the proposed change of use from a public house to a place of worship or religious instruction at the former Peacock Public House. This proposal represents a sustainable, socially beneficial, and policy-compliant reuse of an underutilised building, with clear and compelling justification in terms of planning policy, community need, and site suitability. The Peacock Public House is no longer commercially viable, a reality reflected by its closure. This is not an isolated case, but part of a wider national and local trend affecting the hospitality industry. According to national statistics, nearly 300 pubs closed across England and Wales in 2024, due to rising operating costs, changing social habits, and the lasting impacts of economic downturns. These pressures have led to widespread closures even of pubs previously considered community assets. The change of use addresses a genuine local need and ensures continued public benefit from the site, particularly in a borough as diverse as Gravesham. Crucially, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation have been consulted and raised no objection to the proposal, confirming there are no highway safety or parking capacity concerns. I respectfully urge the Council to approve the application and support this important opportunity to strengthen the borough's social infrastructure, community identity, and urban sustainability.
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Kind regards