

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/01/2026 10:37 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] Castlefields Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	We have lived in Istead Rise since [REDACTED] and have enjoyed the semi rural location which was a reason for moving here to bring up a family. During that time major developments have includes the vast increase in traffic locally, both on Wrotham Road and New Barn Road. Getting into/out of Istead Rise onto the main roads can be a big challenge any time of the day and the new estate near Lidl/Morrisons has also added to volume of traffic locally. The bus service as gone from bad to worse with really no proper bus service to speak of. One an hour if you are lucky, no evening or Sunday service. Any teenager leaving school and starting work without a car would struggle to commute due to the infrequency and unreliability of the buses plus no direct route to bluewater despite it being not far. School buses are always packed too. No safe route to walk to Meopham Station which is actually not far away and again buses too infrequent to use to get there/back. Two busy roundabouts to try and cross to walk towards Gravesend but being 3 miles from there anyway this would be impractical. Talking of school, the amount of traffic and bad parking down Istead Rise Primary is concerning as it is, without the addition of a new estate right by it and would be extremely dangerous for children. The estate would be an eyesore and totally ruin the beautiful views and countryside, not to mention endanger the wildlife. The Doctors surgery has enough patients and nearby Darent Valley Hospital struggles more than ever with increasing numbers and not enough parking. The new flats near the drs surgery have ruined that road with the loss of trees and will cause more congestion in the area. Please leave Istead Rise Greenbelt land
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alone. We cannot cope with a load of new builds, the proposed building would be totally impractical and dangerous.

Kind regards