

Objection to Planning Application 20240544
Cobham House Vineyard Gold Street Cobham Gravesend Kent DA12 3AA

Dear Sirs

We as a group have already objected through the planning portal of Gravesham Borough Council along with individual objections from many of our members some of whom are directly affected by this development.

This was done immediately prior to the deadline in September.

We understand this deadline has been extended to 18th October.

We would therefore like to reiterate our objection to the siting of this building.

The above is a Permitted Development Application for a very large building on a hill at Gold Street.

On behalf of the Luddesdown and District Rights of Way Group we very strongly object to the siting of this building as it despoils the whole area of the AONB.

The proposed track for motorised vehicles to drive across PROW NS190 represents a serious and potentially fatal health and safety risk.

This could be the start of Permitted Development applications blighting all areas of rural Gravesham, which are enjoyed by residents both in our town centre and rural - plus visitors to the many country pubs.

The Applicant proposes a track to carry heavy vehicles to the Plant from Gold Street to the building which will cross Footpath NS190.

Our concerns are:

1. This proposal represents an enormous Health & Safety risk to users of footpath NS190.
2. It impacts on the enjoyment of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on all the 5 Public Rights of Way/Bridlepaths which cross the area - including the Weald Way, a very popular National Route from Gravesend riverside to Beachy Head in Sussex.
3. It will impact on the pollinators and wildlife due to noise and light pollution and general disruption of an industrial type of enterprise.
4. We do not feel that it was the "intention" of the Permitted Development Legislation to override the protection of the countryside.

Yours faithfully

