

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/03/2026 8:47 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Woodlands 217 Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Alterations to existing restaurant, including alterations to elevations, additional works to accommodate plant, new corral and bin store, demolition of existing single storey side extension with erection of new single storey side extension, minor external work to existing parking bays, creation of patio and other associated work.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Wrotham Road Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I write to register a strong objection to Planning Application 20260243. This proposal would cause clear, significant, and demonstrable harm to the local environment, residential amenity, and highway safety, and should be refused.

The application is fundamentally contrary to the principles of sustainable development set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), particularly in respect of protecting environmental quality, safeguarding residential amenity, and promoting safe and suitable access for all users.

The environmental harm arising from this proposal would be significant and unavoidable. It is well established that large fast-food outlets generate substantial volumes of litter, much of which is not contained within site boundaries. Given the site's proximity to residential areas and adjacent parkland, it is highly likely that discarded packaging will accumulate in surrounding streets and green spaces. This would result in long-term degradation of the local environment, harm to wildlife, and an unacceptable increase in maintenance pressures on local services. Such outcomes are inconsistent with the NPPF's requirement to enhance and protect the natural environment.

The proposal would also materially harm residential amenity through increased noise and air pollution. The introduction of a drive-through facility will result in

continuous vehicle movements, engine idling, and associated emissions throughout the day and into late evening hours. This directly conflicts with NPPF policies that seek to prevent new development from contributing to unacceptable levels of air and noise pollution. The cumulative impact of vehicle noise, ordering systems, and general site activity will erode the tranquillity currently enjoyed by nearby residents.

In addition, there is a clear and evidenced link between late-night fast-food premises and anti-social behaviour. The proposed development risks becoming a focal point for congregation, particularly in the evenings, leading to issues such as loud music, engine revving, and general disturbance. This would create an intimidating and disruptive environment, undermining community safety and cohesion, contrary to the NPPF's objective of creating safe and inclusive places.

The impact of light pollution must also be given significant weight. The extensive external lighting and illuminated signage required for such a development will operate for prolonged hours, introducing intrusive artificial light into the surrounding area. This will adversely affect residential amenity and disrupt local wildlife, particularly in nearby green spaces, contrary to policies aimed at limiting light pollution.

Highway safety concerns are particularly acute. Wrotham Road is already heavily trafficked, and the addition of a drive-through restaurant will inevitably exacerbate congestion. Queuing vehicles, increased turning movements, and potential overspill onto the public highway will create hazardous conditions for both motorists and pedestrians. This is directly at odds with NPPF requirements that development should provide safe and suitable access and should not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety.

Taken cumulatively, these impacts represent clear and demonstrable harm. The proposal fails to meet key planning policy tests and does not constitute sustainable development.

For these reasons, I strongly urge Gravesham Borough Council to refuse Planning Application 20260243.

Kind regards