

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 22/03/2026 9:35 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of High View School Lane Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7HP
Proposal:	Application for Outline application with all/some matters reserved for the development of up to 50 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), vehicular access road from School Lane, internal roads, car parking, landscaping, public open space, and other associated works and infrastructure. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] High View Higham Rochester

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the above planning application on the grounds that the proposed development would place an unsustainable burden on local infrastructure, harm the character of the area, and result in significant environmental and amenity impacts. 1. Insufficient Local Infrastructure Capacity Healthcare Higham has already lost its local GP surgery, leaving residents dependent on overstretched practices in neighbouring areas. Adding further housing without any corresponding healthcare provision will worsen access to essential medical services. This directly conflicts with the requirement for developments to be supported by adequate infrastructure. Education The village school already struggles to accommodate local children, with many families unable to secure places. Additional housing will increase demand beyond the school's capacity, placing further pressure on an already strained system.
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Highways and Traffic

Roads within and around the village are already heavily congested during peak hours. The proposed development would increase vehicle movements significantly, worsening congestion and reducing road safety.

Forge Lane and School Lane are designated non-HGV routes, yet they already experience inappropriate traffic volumes. Any increase in vehicles, particularly construction traffic, would exacerbate existing problems and undermine the purpose of these restrictions.

2. Harm to the Green Belt and Countryside

The proposed development would result in the loss of Green Belt land, which is intended to prevent urban sprawl, safeguard the countryside, and preserve the openness and rural character of the area. Building on this land would permanently destroy natural landscape, potential wildlife habitats, and the rural setting that defines the village.

3. Environmental and Amenity Impacts

Noise and Disturbance

Both the construction phase and the long-term occupation of the site would generate additional noise, affecting the tranquillity of the village and the wellbeing of existing residents.

Pollution During Construction

Construction activities would introduce dust, emissions, and heavy vehicle movements, impacting air quality and creating safety risks on narrow village roads.

Long-Term Pollution

Increased traffic inevitably leads to higher levels of air pollution, which is inconsistent with environmental objectives and detrimental to public health.

4. Overdevelopment and Unsuitable Location

The scale and density of the proposed development are out of keeping with the character of the village. Higham is a small rural community with limited services and infrastructure. The proposal represents overdevelopment in a location that cannot sustainably support it.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, including inadequate infrastructure, harm to the Green Belt, increased traffic, environmental impacts, and the unsuitability of the location, I respectfully object this planning application.

Kind regards