

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/03/2026 2:01 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Cherry Trees Ridge Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Retrospective change of use for the siting of 4 pitches for Gypsy / Traveller occupation to include one static, one touring caravan and one amenity building on each pitch. Associated changes in land levels and hard / soft landscaping.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Valley Lane, Meopham Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

This application follows the now typical route of 'slash and burn' first, apply for permissions later, whilst nobody pays for improvements required for the extra numbers of people, and, natural environment is NEVER restored or respected, despite planning conditions stating they should be, such planning restrictions are a joke, they mean nothing as they are NEVER enforced by G.B.C.

We (the local residents and community of the Culverstone Valley Area) were assured by the National Planning Inspector that granting the nearby 5 gypsy traveller sites on Heron Hill Lane would not lead to an influx of other such Gypsy Traveller Sites to the area as the area is protected by its Greenbelt Status.

However, the traveller community continue to acquire non residential status plots, and slash and burn everything on the sites (destroying the local natural environment), and then apply for planning consent afterwards, frequently after moving onto the plots as residents.

Allowing these illegal occupations and tolerating retrospective applications has set a precedence for this activity, and is feeding growing anxiety and discontent with EXISTING property owners and council tax payers. This is illustrated by the threats of violence and intimidation already made by the applicant(s) against local residents, including threats against persons and their property ("we'll follow you home and then you'll be sorry").

It would appear that Gravesham Borough Council is allowing and supporting the creeping imposition of making the Culverstone Valley Area into a 'Gypsy Traveller area' by its continual reluctance to protect the current residents and uphold the GreenBelt framework, apart from preventing existing residents to build actual PERMENANT houses, why is this being allowed to continue?

I note this application had gained support from members of the public, however, I question the origin of these supporting comments, especially as they all read like they have been written by a lawyer; I mention this as it draws attention to the manipulation of the application process by the gypsy traveller community and there legal team.

If this application is permitted a number existing residents have privately commented that they will move away from the area, further destroying the community we have established, as residents are sick and tired of paying the highest council tax band of taxation, yet receiving little in return from GBC in terms of roads and infrastructure, and, the absence of protection of the greenbelt and natural environment, which for many residents was the reason for investing time and money into this area.

Kind regards