

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/01/2025 4:20 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Change of Use of Land to form a Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 1 Mobile Home, 1 Touring Caravan, and 1 Dayroom.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Longfield Road Meopham Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to formally object to planning application reference 20241164, which seeks permission for the change of use of land to form a Gypsy/Traveller site, including the installation of a mobile home, touring caravan, hardstanding, and a dayroom, on land south of White Post Lane, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent. My objection is based on the following key concerns: 1. Protection of the Green Belt The proposed development is located within designated Green Belt land, which exists to preserve the rural character of areas like Cobham and prevent urban sprawl. Approving this application would set a dangerous precedent for further encroachment on protected land, ultimately leading to the gradual erosion of our countryside. Green Belt policy is clear that development should only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, and no such justification has been demonstrated in this case. 2. Impact on the Rural Environment and Ecology This area of Gravesham is an important part of the local ecosystem, providing a habitat for wildlife and contributing to biodiversity. Developing the site with hardstanding and residential facilities would disrupt local flora and fauna, increasing environmental degradation. It is essential that we protect our natural landscapes for future generations, rather than allowing piecemeal developments that irreversibly alter them. 3. Harm to the Character of the Area Cobham and its surrounding countryside are known for their rural charm and historic character. The introduction of a new residential development, particularly
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one that involves additional hardstanding and infrastructure, would have a detrimental visual impact on the landscape. Maintaining the open and unspoiled nature of this area is vital for both residents and visitors.

4. Infrastructure and Services Concerns

The area surrounding White Post Lane is not suited to additional residential development. The local road network is narrow and unsuitable for increased vehicle movements associated with a new site, particularly with large vehicles such as caravans. Furthermore, there is limited infrastructure in place to support additional housing, including water supply, drainage, and waste management.

5. Precedent for Further Development

Allowing this application to proceed would set a worrying precedent for further Green Belt development in the future. Once land is lost to development, it is rarely restored, leading to creeping urbanisation that threatens the very nature of our rural communities. It is the council's responsibility to uphold planning policies that protect our countryside and ensure that future developments are in line with local and national planning objectives.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I urge the council to reject this application in order to safeguard the Green Belt, protect the rural environment, and preserve the unique character of Cobham. Gravesham Borough Council must uphold its duty to defend our countryside from unnecessary and inappropriate development.

Thank you for considering my objection. I would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this letter and updates regarding the progress of the application.

Kind regards