

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/07/2025 2:17 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Clijon Farm Whitehill Road Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0NY
Proposal:	Retrospective building works to convert ancillary residential building for use as a home office and home gym.
Case Officer:	Mr Ethan Bonthron

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] HADLEY CLOSE MEOPHAM GRAVESEND

Comments Details

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

Comments:

I wish to object to this retrospective proposal.

A similar proposal to replace the old chicken shed with a residential building was turned down in 2008 and I can see no reason for the Planning Authority to now change its position simply because the owner has gone ahead and built the facility without permission.

It is somewhat surprising that he requires a building which is longer than the existing main house and has an actual footprint of similar area to the main house, for use as a gym and home office.

The new building is far bigger than the previous footprint of the chicken shed and has an unacceptable impact on the openness of the Green Belt and does nothing to enhance its functionality.

Policy C13 of the Saved Policies of the Gravesham Local Plan First Review, which relates to Extensions to Dwellings in the Countryside, says that proposals for outbuildings will be required to be subservient to the scale of the main dwelling on the plot. This is not the case here; the 28m length of this new building far exceeds the length of the existing main dwelling.

This application concerns land within an AONB (National Landscape) and therefore benefits from statutory protection under section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. This statutory protection confirms AONBs (National Landscapes) to be amongst the most special landscapes in the UK and places where development is more strictly controlled. As a result of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 the statutory protection given to AONBs (National Landscapes) has been strengthened and the need to resist development that would cause harm to an AONB (National Landscape) has increased. There is no justification therefore for a completely new building of this magnitude within an AONB (National Landscape).

This flagrant disregard for the planning process should not be allowed to succeed.

Kind regards