

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/02/2026 8:34 AM 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] Meadow Lane Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Planning Application Reference: 20260141
Site Address: Land North of Cherry Trees, Ridge Lane, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent

I wish to formally object to the above planning application on the following planning grounds:

1. Inappropriate Development in the Green Belt

The application site lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt. The proposed retrospective change of use for four Gypsy/Traveller pitches, including caravans and amenity buildings, constitutes inappropriate development as defined by national policy. Such development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances. No very special circumstances have been demonstrated that would clearly outweigh this harm.

2. Harm to Openness and Rural Character

The introduction of multiple residential pitches, caravans, amenity buildings, hardstanding, and associated works represents a significant encroachment into the countryside. This materially reduces the openness of the Green Belt and undermines the rural character of Ridge Lane and the surrounding landscape.

3. Visual Impact

The development, including static caravans, touring caravans, and built

structures, is visually intrusive and out of keeping with the character of the area. The cumulative impact of four pitches would urbanise a currently rural and undeveloped site.

4. Retrospective Nature of the Application

This is a retrospective application, meaning the development has already taken place without planning permission. This undermines the integrity of the planning system and should not be rewarded unless the development is fully compliant with planning policy, which in this case it is not.

5. Highway and Access Concerns

Ridge Lane is a rural road with limited width and infrastructure. The intensification of use from multiple residential pitches is likely to increase traffic movements, including larger vehicles, which could adversely impact highway safety and local amenity.

6. Impact on Local Infrastructure and Services

The proposal would place additional strain on local infrastructure and services in a location that is not well served by public transport or facilities, making it an unsustainable form of development.

7. Precedent for Further Development

Approving this application could set a harmful precedent for further inappropriate development within the Green Belt, leading to incremental erosion of its openness and purpose.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, the proposal represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt, causes harm to openness and rural character, and conflicts with national and local planning policy. No very special circumstances have been demonstrated to justify approval.

I respectfully request that the application is refused.

Kind regards