

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/04/2025 1:32 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY
Proposal:	Erection of a 4x 4 bedroom houses with garage, home-office and gardens on the land north of the Convent of Mercy Gravesend. Works include an extension of Hillside Drive ending in a new turning area, private driveway and off-road parking for each house, an electrical substation, and a managed biodiversity area along the north-east boundary of the site.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Hillside Drive Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I have been a resident of Hillside Drive for 37 years and throughout that time have seen many changes on this private road. I have never seen such extreme and poorly considered applications as this one. This development will add another 4 houses to the drive, which I acknowledge is not in an of itself a colossal number. However, this planning application must be taken into consideration alongside the other developments which have taken place including the splitting of the Convent itself into multiple dwellings, the block of flats on the Convent property, the huge development of the previously owned Convent Preparatory School. All of the new developments which have been applied since the downscaling of the Sisters of Mercy Convent to one dwelling represent a 41% increase in properties on Hillside Drive. For a single track road this will place too much pressure on the existing infrastructure. There are no passing places on the first half of Hillside Drive which will lead to further disruption for everyone using it - from residents, to future residents, to the construction and delivery vehicles needed to make any development on the land. The size of these multiple developments is resulting in the loss of 4 acres of green land which is vital to local biodiversity and air quality. The proposed "biodiversity area" in this plan is inadequate. The drive itself is more dangerous than it has ever been due to the ongoing construction and increased traffic. Residents of all ages are no longer safe to use the drive on foot, and there have been many near misses. I have huge concerns for school age children who live on the drive and are walking to school. I myself have been prevented from accessing my own house on multiple occasions by contractors who have used the drive and park irresponsibly and inconsiderately, causing my elderly, disabled stepfather to be late for multiple life-needed medical appointments. Emergency vehicles have been unable to pass at times. All of these issues will be exacerbated. The brick pillars at the end of the drive have been repeatedly damaged by current construction action and these are privately owned by residents who are treated very disrespectfully already. One has been knocked down and reinstated
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already. The increased pressure on the narrow driveway by construction vehicles is sure to lead to further damage to private property and destruction of the pillars as private property. The developers have clearly sold KCC Highways a good story about the driveway being accessible as their report is full of inaccuracies and I scarcely believe they've written it with any true knowledge of Hillside Drive and the realities of living here - but the pillars are not public property. They are not simply something which should be removed to accommodate the whims of irresponsible developers.

Kind regards