

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/04/2025 2:42 AM 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:	It is very disappointing that there has been no full local consultation with all residents of the road on this application, as a resident of the road I cannot believe that I have not been directly contacted as we are all directly affected by this - especially as this is a private road, part of an association and that there is only 1 access route (which all residents must use). Following already the mass over development application of the previously owned Convent Grounds@ ex St Josephs Prep school on Old Road East there will already be huge disruption and impacts to residents of the area (noise, privacy, light pollution etc.), a massive loss of green open land and huge impact on traffic in all surrounding areas, but more specifically Old Road East. As a resident of Hillside Drive it is already a nightmare entering and exiting the Drive, which is single vehicle wide - and that is without yet the new development, especially of the St Josephs site but also Whitehill road (and more in other roads like Windmill Street etc.). It is already very dangerous, especially with restricted site lines from Hillside Drive, with 2 local schools having multiple pedestrians and increasing speed and volume of traffic in Old Road East. At some point a fatality WILL happen and perhaps then people will understand local residents frustration at how traffic flows in reality day to day really matter (not a hypothetical everyone will walk everywhere scenario). The Drive itself, simply cannot cope with increased traffic flows - there is already increased split accommodation of the old Convent which will bring with it new residents, new cars and increased footfall. In terms of the road itself this is private land and there seems to have very little consultation with existing owners as to what actually will be done - what damage could be caused due to large machinery, building works etc. etc.. This should be much clearer will full impacts and intentions made clear as already the privately owned pillars by the access have been damaged multiple times, trees too and even speed restriction sign knocked into by large vehicle - total disregard for existing peoples property and the association has to maintain the private road. Also the impact on sewage and water run (bearing in mind we are talking also
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about an elevated plot in the road) also need more clarity and consideration for other residents.

In terms of the dwellings themselves, they are in my opinion extremely unsightly and do not fit in with the aesthetics of the existing dwellings. There are 3 storey boxes they are not in keeping with the road. Also with an unsightly roof line - and seemingly coloured exterior - surely the road does not need modern looking out of place developments. The new sub station mentioned, not sure where this will be sited or impacts of installation - this for me is not clear? Also we really need to think about the loss of yet more green land, already acres are being lost in former St Josephs site and others in Gravesend and this is not sustainable for local environment. It is too easily disregarded.

As such I would like to strongly object to this planning application for all the above reasons - please let existing resident actually enjoy where they live - overdevelopment and bringing even more residents from outside the borough is not the answer we need, already all of our local services cannot cope, and the road network (as all local residents know) is very poor and at over capacity too.

Kind regards