

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 23/02/2025 7:36 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY
Proposal:	Change of use of surplus convent buildings into two 6-bedroom townhouses, demolition of existing single-storey extensions to the west and construction of a 2-bedroom attached chalet bungalow, reorganisation of the convent car park and alterations to create a front entrance, erection of two single-storey bays to the rear elevation, dividing up the existing garden, and forming a new driveway to access the gardens to the rear.
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 would like to object to the significant changes to character of the Drive and in particular the erection of an a small chalet bungalow. Currently Hillside Drive which, is a private drive, has the appeal of being tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the town and comprises of large properties each with their own unique character and each surrounded by significant amounts of nature and green spaces. I believe it is unnecessary to build small chalet bungalow which seems to be 'squeezed in' to maximise monetary gain. It will be more beneficial for the space to be used for parking/garages for the two six bedroom properties as there is very little off street parking due to the narrowness of the private road. Secondly, as per the submitted plans the chalet bungalow is being proposed to be used by the Sisters of Mercy when there are not many of them left. However I am not convinced that the Chalet Bungalow will serve their purposes given the small size and no internal lift to the first floor bedroom. I am not sure how this is beneficial to very elderly sisters. Also why is this structure necessary when the convent has already been redeveloped to meet the need of the Sisters? Also having a small chalet bungalow amongst the large homes already on the drive is out of character for the drive and reduces its appeal. Hillside Drive is perhaps one of the most desirable places to buy a home in Gravesend because of the beautiful well laid out homes, the surrounding nature and the ' countryside ' feel. It is also one of the mini treasures of Gravesend which holds a unique history. To ignore this is not only a detriment to the residents of the Drive but also the town itself.
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I also believe that the value of my home as well as other homes on the drive will be negatively effected and this should also be taken into account.

Whilst I appreciate the reasons for the convent to be split into three homes I think it is important that the council planning department take on board that significant development will lead to loss of a gem that needs to be protected.

Kind regards