

Please post to: Rebecca Harrison, Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (stamp required)
(or can be left in secure drop box in Reception at Istead Rise Community Centre, Worcester Close, Istead Rise.)

Application Reference: 20260649

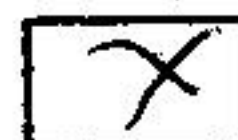
Case Officer: Rebecca Harrison

Location: Land North Of The Drove Way, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent

Proposal: Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way.

I am: **A Member of the Public:**
(Age 18 or above) ☐

Neighbour of the site:



My Title & Full Name

**My address
& postcode:**

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I wish to object to planning application number 20260649 for the reasons stated below:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development on the following grounds regarding local infrastructure, environment, and highway safety.

Severe Highway and Traffic Impact

The proposed development will significantly worsen traffic congestion in and around Istead Rise. Key junctions leading in and out of the village are already operating at capacity. This development will create unsustainable pressure on the A227 and New Barn Road.

Lack of Sustainable Transport Linkages

Istead Rise is entirely car-dependent due to inadequate public transport options. Crucially, there are no safe walking or cycling routes connecting the village to Meopham or Gravesend. Introducing a larger population without sustainable transport alternatives directly contradicts national planning policies aiming to reduce vehicle reliance.

Pressure on Strained Local Services and Infrastructure

Local infrastructure cannot support an increased population. The local GP surgery serving Istead Rise is already stretched to maximum capacity, and local hospitals are under severe pressure. Furthermore, local school places are already limited, and the village shopping facilities suffer from highly restricted parking.

Destruction of Green Belt and Protected Wildlife Habitats

The proposed site sits on precious Green Belt land. Developing this area will cause irreversible damage to natural habitats. The immediate area supports a diverse range of wildlife, including bats, foxes, rabbits, and rare albino squirrels, all of which will face severe habitat displacement.

For these reasons, I urge the planning committee to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]