

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/09/2026 6:18 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Downs Road Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	The Drove Way planning application is too many new homes for the area in its own right with a proposal of 100 new homes but should this application be accepted in combination with the proposal of 160 new homes proposed by Esquire in Downs Road it will undoubtedly cause a lot of extra congestion of traffic into and out of Istead Rise either via the A227 or the New Barn Road, this is a rural area and these access roads are already busy enough. Either of the two proposed two new developments, The Drove Way or Downs Road, are far too big and together they would be totally excessive. The area proposed for The Drove Way is green belt land and green belt land historically was designated as such to be protected from building. The land itself is farmland and its use should either remain as farmland or if this is not viable for the farm it should be left as a green space and woodland for nature and use by the community. There are insufficient available school spaces at Istead Rise schools to cater for an increased intake and the GP surgery is stretched enough as it is to cater for enough patient appointment times so putting extra pressure on the doctors is a totally unreasonable expectation and it is the current local residents that will suffer in trying to get appointments if there is a large increase in population in the area. Vehicular and pedestrian access points have been identified on the map by arrows in 2 places from The Drove Way into the site but as The Drove Way is currently a large cul-de-sac, ie the only access in and out is via the shops this will
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cause a lot of extra of traffic, 100 houses with possibly at least 2 or 3 cars per household ?? Alternatively if the intention is to open up the road access into Hadlow Way this will be strongly objected by the residents of Hadlow Way and Fairview Road and adjacent roads, many of the residents who live in these roads have lived there for decades and have chosen to live there because it is a relatively quiet place to live, if the access were to be opened up it would provide a lot of excess traffic by car drivers cutting through the estate from the A227 to the New Barn Road and would spoil the peacefulness of the location.

The infrastructure is insufficient to cater for more people, the shops serve the current community well but the car park is often full at busy times of the day and if the shops were expected to cater for many extra shoppers this would encourage cars to park in adjacent roads which would make life difficult for pedestrians, car drivers passing and bus drivers.

Another major consideration is gaining access to sufficient water supplies for the area, the water boards already 'steal' the water resources of Istead Rise to take to Meopham and other surrounding areas so extra demand for water would cause more issues especially with the climate changing in recent years with more heatwaves with lack of rainfall throughout summer months to replenish supplies and to quote the architect speaking from the Esquire site any possible flooding problems into existing housing areas which could be caused by building on land currently used as farmland will become the problem of the Kent County Council as I was told the developers will only consider (and I question of they will take responsibility for??) water flooding issues on the development site and not the impact on the surrounding area.

Kind regards