

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 9:49 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] The Drove Way, Istead Rise

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am a student and wish to object to the proposed development of 100 dwellings on the land adjoining my community.

I am concerned that this development is being proposed without sufficient consideration of whether the local infrastructure and environment can support a significant increase in population.

One of my biggest concerns is transport. Public transport in the area is already limited, with infrequent bus services and poor connectivity to many destinations. As a young person who relies on public transport to access education, employment and leisure opportunities, I do not believe there is adequate provision to support a major housing development of this scale. Without significant improvements to public transport, most new residents are likely to rely on private cars, resulting in increased traffic congestion and additional pressure on already busy roads.

I am also concerned about the impact on employment opportunities. There does not appear to be a corresponding increase in local jobs, services or facilities to support the number of people who would be living in these new homes. This risks creating a development where residents must travel elsewhere for work, further increasing traffic and pressure on local transport networks.

The environmental impact of the proposal is another major concern. The land currently provides valuable green space and habitat for wildlife. The loss of fields, trees, hedgerows and natural areas will reduce biodiversity and remove habitats used by birds, insects, mammals and other species. As concerns about climate change and nature loss continue to grow, I believe existing green spaces should be protected wherever possible.

I am also worried about flood risk. The site currently consists largely of undeveloped land that naturally absorbs rainfall. Covering the area with houses, roads, driveways and other hard surfaces could significantly increase surface water run-off. During periods of heavy rain, this may increase the risk of flooding both within the development and in surrounding areas. With extreme weather events becoming more common, it is important that development does not place existing homes and communities at greater risk.

Finally, I am concerned that the development would contribute to the gradual loss of the green gap between Northfleet and Istead Rise. This open land helps maintain the distinct identity and character of both communities. Once built on, this important separation would be lost permanently.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed development would have a harmful impact on local infrastructure, traffic, public transport, wildlife, flood risk and the character of the area. I respectfully ask that the application is refused.

Kind regards