

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/09/2026 8:10 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] ndhurst way istead rise northfleet

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Objection to Planning Application - Drove Way I wish to object to the proposed development at Drove Way on the following grounds. 1. Green Belt development The proposed development would result in the loss of Green Belt land and would cause harm to the openness and character of the area. The Green Belt serves an important purpose in preventing inappropriate development and the gradual encroachment of development into the countryside. The proposal would represent an unnecessary and inappropriate expansion of development into a rural setting. 2. Inadequate local infrastructure The village and surrounding area do not have the infrastructure required to support additional development of this nature. Existing services, roads, drainage and other local facilities are already under pressure, and there does not appear to be sufficient infrastructure in place to accommodate the additional demand that this development would create. 3. Traffic and highway safety concerns Drove Way is already a busy location, and additional residential development would inevitably increase vehicle movements. The existing roads are not well suited to a significant increase in traffic, particularly during peak times. Increased traffic would have implications for congestion, highway safety and the general amenity of existing residents.
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4. Poor access to public transport

The site is located in a small village with relatively poor public transport links. There are limited realistic alternatives to private car use, meaning that residents of the proposed development would be heavily reliant on cars for access to employment, schools, shops, healthcare and other essential services. This is contrary to the principle of locating substantial new development where there are good and sustainable transport connections.

5. Unsustainable location

The location is not well connected to the services and facilities required for sustainable day-to-day living. Developing additional housing in an isolated or poorly connected village risks increasing car dependency and placing further pressure on surrounding roads and infrastructure.

6. Impact on the character of the village

The scale and location of the proposed development would change the existing rural character of the area and could contribute to the gradual urbanisation of the village. Development should respect the established character, scale and setting of the settlement rather than extending development into surrounding countryside.

For these reasons, I believe the application would represent inappropriate development in an unsuitable location and would have unacceptable impacts on the Green Belt, local infrastructure, highways, sustainability and the character of the village.

I respectfully request that the Planning Authority refuse this planning application.

Kind regards