

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/11/2025 5:31 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	7 The Turnstones Gravesend Kent DA12 5QD
Proposal:	Application for a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate; Change of use from C3(a) dwellinghouse to C3(b) young people's care home.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

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

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Subject: Objection to Planning Application 20251081 - Application for a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate; Change of use from C3(a) dwellinghouse to C3(b) young people's care home - 7 The Turnstones Gravesend Kent DA12 5QD

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the above planning application on the grounds of several material planning considerations that I believe have not been adequately addressed and which would result in demonstrable harm to the amenity and character of the surrounding area.

1. Impact on the Character of the Area

The proposal represents an intensive institutional use within a quiet residential street solely composed of single-family homes. Such a change of use would be out of keeping with the established character and pattern of development, contrary to local planning policies that seek to protect residential neighbourhoods from incompatible uses.

The introduction of a staffed care facility with increased comings and goings does not reflect the existing domestic appearance or operation of surrounding properties.

2. Traffic, Parking, and Highway Safety

The property lies on a route heavily used by unaccompanied school children walking to and from the nearby school (St Johns - primary and secondary). The proposal will significantly increase vehicle movements from staff, visitors, support services, and potential transport needs of the residents. This raises concerns regarding:

Highway and pedestrian safety, especially for school children using an already busy pedestrian route.

Insufficient on-site parking provision, potentially leading to overspill onto the street and increased congestion.

Reduced visibility, access issues, or obstruction of pavements due to additional parked vehicles.

These concerns directly relate to material matters of access, parking, and traffic impact.

3. Noise and Disturbance

The change of use will introduce a higher level of activity, noise, and disturbance than expected for a single-family dwelling, particularly due to shift-based staff arrivals/departures, visiting professionals, and service vehicles.

This will negatively affect the residential amenity of neighbours in what is a currently quiet and peaceful environment.

4. Site Layout and External Works

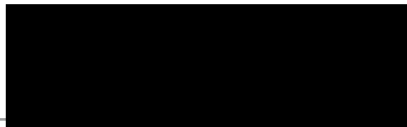
The proposed changes to boundary treatments, lighting, or external appearance including additional fencing, security measures, or alterations to the building would affect the visual character of the street, neighbouring privacy and the sense of openness consistent with surrounding properties.

These factors are valid material considerations relating to design and appearance.

5. Impact on Landscaping / Trees

The external works described would require the removal or alteration of existing trees, planting, or green space, this would detract from the landscape character of the area and reduce local environmental quality.

For the reasons set out above, specifically the negative impact on residential character, pedestrian safety, parking and traffic pressures, potential noise disturbance, and possible harm to visual amenity and landscaping I strongly request that the council refuse this application.



Kind regards