

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/09/2026 3:05 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Garage Site Adjacent To 33 Empress Road Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Demolition of disused garages and erection of a building of two storeys with accommodation within the roof, comprising 7 self-contained flats, with alterations to the existing vehicular access, parking, cycle and refuse storage, amenity space and landscaping.
Case Officer:	Mr Mark Simmonds

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Lower Range Road Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Formal Objection to Planning Application - Garage Site Adjacent to 33 Empress Road

Subject: Strong Objection to Proposed Development at Garage Site Adjacent to 33 Empress Road, Denton, Gravesend

Dear Planning Team,
NO NO NO!! I object to this planning application in the strongest and most vehement way possible. This is an abhorrent development pushed forward by a greedy developer who clearly does not care one bit about the people who actually live here - our privacy, our safety, our noise levels, our pollution, our traffic, or even the wildlife that exists in this area.

There are foxes, birds, bats out back. The developer doesn't have to live with the consequences of this - WE DO.

1. Privacy, Safety, and Security Risks to Residents

This development will allow residents of the proposed flats to look directly into our gardens on Lower Range Road. That alone is unacceptable. But it gets worse: the car park will sit right behind our homes, giving strangers easy access to the rear of our properties.

I see no mention of fencing, no mention of security, nothing. How exactly do they plan to stop people jumping over into our gardens? Do they even care? What happens when one of our houses is broken into because someone gained access through this new "car park"? We have children, we have pets, and we have a right to feel safe in our own homes.

2. Traffic, Parking, and Road Safety - Already Horrendous

The roads around here are already HORRENDOUS. There is no parking. The roads are extremely thin. After 6pm, you cannot find a single space - please come down and see it for yourself.

Yet this development proposes SEVEN flats with THIRTEEN bedrooms, and only SIX parking spaces. That could easily mean 15+ cars added to an already overwhelmed area if more than one person has a car. The developer doesn't care - they only care that you will approve this horrendous plan. We are the ones who have to live with it.

And let's be honest: You cannot fit two cars up this road at the same time. It is basically a one way system.

Large construction vehicles will not be able to access this road safely. This alone makes the build dangerous and disruptive - and that disruption will last two years. Developer's Parking Argument - Completely Misleading

They claim:

"Five spaces for seven dwellings is the right provision... The site is accessible without a car... The Council accepted similar ratios at 133 Windmill Street..."

This is deliberately obtuse. Windmill Street is not tucked away in a tiny side road with one narrow entrance. They are comparing apples to oranges, and they know it. And yes - it is no surprise the council has approved so many developments recently. It's becoming horrendous.

3. Environmental and Wildlife Damage

I have personally seen foxes, birds, and bats in this area. The developer claims there are no habitats - that is simply not true.

This development will destroy natural spaces, increase pollution, and drive out wildlife. Again, the developer doesn't live here - we do - and we will suffer the consequences.

4. Two Years of Construction Misery

This build will take two years, and during that time residents will endure:

- Constant noise - and yes, builders often work late
- Dust and pollution (the waste area backs onto my garden!)
- Generators running constantly
- Roadworks and trenching for new mains
- Restricted access due to construction vehicles

The houses opposite will be hit hardest, but the entire neighbourhood will suffer.

5. History of Rejected Applications

This garage site has had multiple applications refused in the past - even small garage extensions. Yet suddenly a much larger development is being pushed through?

The proposed building will be higher than surrounding houses and does not fit the character of the area at all.

6. Antisocial Behaviour Risks

The plans include benches and a car park style layout. This is a recipe for loitering, drug use, and antisocial behaviour, which already happens in similar developments across Gravesend.

Over 100 residents will be affected by this - our safety, our peace, our quality of life.

Conclusion

This development is completely unsuitable for this location. It will cause long term disruption, noise, pollution, security risks, loss of privacy, and damage to wildlife - all so a developer can make money.

The developer even wrote:

"The Council has accepted the same device in more sensitive locations..."

There is no hope for residents if this is the attitude. None of you would accept this on your own doorstep, yet you may sign off on a development that will destroy our lives, drop our house prices, and put our families at risk.

This IS a sensitive area. The developer has made no mention of the surrounding houses, the noise impact, the security concerns - nothing.

For what it's worth, thank you for considering my objection - please don't take this personally, but this is just a horrendous plan, but why are the council allowing all these developments!



Kind regards