

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/03/2026 6:27 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of High View School Lane Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7HP
Proposal:	Application for Outline application with all/some matters reserved for the development of up to 50 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), vehicular access road from School Lane, internal roads, car parking, landscaping, public open space, and other associated works and infrastructure. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

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

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing as a resident of Higham to formally object to the proposed development of 50 residential properties within the village. My objection is based on the following key planning concerns: Firstly, the proposed site is located on Green Belt land. The purpose of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl, safeguard the countryside from encroachment, and preserve the character of rural communities. The construction of a large housing development in this location would undermine these principles and result in the permanent loss of valuable open countryside that contributes to the rural character and setting of Higham. Secondly, the scale of the development would place significant additional pressure on local infrastructure and services, which are already under strain. In particular: Roads and traffic: The local road network in and around Higham is limited in capacity and already experiences congestion. An additional 50 households would inevitably increase traffic levels, creating further congestion and raising concerns regarding road safety.
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School capacity: Local schools serving the village are already operating close to capacity. A development of this size would generate additional demand for school places that existing facilities may not be able to accommodate.

Parking pressures: Parking in parts of the village is already limited. Additional residential development will increase parking demand and may worsen existing issues within the village.

Drainage and flooding concerns: The proposed development is intended to connect onto School Lane. However, the drainage system in this area is already known to struggle, and flooding and drainage overflows occur periodically along School Lane. Adding a development of this scale raises serious concerns about whether the existing drainage infrastructure can cope with additional demand without increasing the risk of flooding for existing residents.

Utilities and services: Essential services such as drainage, water supply, and other utility infrastructure must be carefully considered. There is concern that the current systems may not have sufficient capacity to support a development of this scale without significant upgrades.

Overall, the proposed development appears disproportionate to the size and capacity of the village and risks causing lasting harm to the character of Higham, as well as placing unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the planning authority refuse permission for this development.

Kind regards