

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/08/2024 11:19 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Furzy Lea Bowesden Lane Shorne Gravesend Kent DA12 3LA
Proposal:	Engineering / landscaping works to enable terracing of the land including the building of concrete retaining walls dressed in face brickwork.
Case Officer:	Mrs Nina Goodbody

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Bowesden Lane Shorne , Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Bowesden Lane, is a Green Belt area , ancient narrow country lane leading to Great Crabbles , SSI woods . Gardens here full of woodland trees / KCC lane banks 150/,200/300 yr old precious Oak trees , banks/ gardens English bluebells grow -, only grow successfully in Ericaceous acid soil .70 yr old + woodland cyclamen too - rhodendrums, azaleas .. Furzelea garden was full . 1. Should there have been a Landscape Character Assessment of intended land clearance ? . Why has this complete clearing of ericious acid soil down to clay level in places been allowed to happen ! 2. Should Ground Water Protection have been put in place ? Underground springs flow under the Furzelea land from hillside gardens above and from Pear Tree Lane etc. . 3. Structured high sided engineering walls / steps / built in-front of new Gym building .. land was levelled down to Clay soil in places - Underground streams always passed underground through Furzelea gardens to fields beyond.. by taking soil level level flat down taking away acid free draining soil water table flow has been damaged . !!Did Surveyor/ Architect not take soil samples ! 4. What drainage pipes have been put in place under this high sided engineering walls built infront of Gym house . Has Planning staff seen pipework before covered over and underneath lsnd outside back of house ? 5. Have pipes been laid to take underground water streams down from Furzelea garden now into fields beyond ? Shorne has many streams/KCC Shorne Country Park was a 'Clay Works' many yrs ago . Read history /surrounding area's soil content / and gravel . 6. This Huge structured 3 sided walls infront of Gym house has been raised up considerably HIGHER than land in this part of garden was before ! 6 Near Neighbours views are now Horrendous / especially for Landfall Hse owners .Every window, front door of Landfall has now view of concrete brick wall back of Gym /,raised roof + now also high 3 sided structured wall Boundaries of which , in future -what will these strong walls become ? 7. Beautiful former ancient woodland garden totally lost . .
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7. Why level land LOWER - then raise it HIGHER than it EVER WAS before / by BUILDING huge 3 SIDED STRUCTURED WALLS IN FRONT OF GYM BUILDING ! Any social entertaining , noise outside Gym structure will now be heard by neighbours / anyone driving in to private drive here leading to 5 detached houses .Noise during entertaining there on this high structure will travel Upwards and sideways !

Before structure was built any family event in Furzelea garden sound would never travel upwards ,now it will!

. Garden used to have very gentle slope but levelled in places too .

8. Was cesspool damaged when land cleared -has a new Cess pool/ plastic septic tank been put in place ?

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Shorne Hillside above Furzelea have many underground fresh water springs which flow downwards in Bowesden Lane , regularly break up lane tarmac flow towards fields / woods Streams under Hillside did always go under Furzelea garden to fields beyond. Lawns there were always full wild thriving meadow wild flowers .

9. Have drainage holes been put in place in -

Boundary steel/ brick wall

Next to Private drive leading to 5 detached houses. Metal

open weave ' high industrial fencing is in place behind structured Industrial brick wall & Gym building (new laurel bushes planted inside Furzelea boundary) ..

laurel bushes will NOT cover our view x 5 owners of ugly Metal Industrial Fencing for owners in this driveway we all have to pass now - were once ancient wildlife hedges ran along this boundary . We don't live on an industrial site!

10. Have drainage holes been put in brickwork in 3 sided high sided walls in front of Gym?

11. I find it appalling that this high sided 3 walled brick structure has been allowed to be built with No stopping of work by Gravesham BC ..With no consideration to Neighbours at all!

12. Gravesham BC planning letter 'Why did we get sent this letter on 5 th Aug - closing date 19 th Aug 24. Work is virtually completed now !

13. Why are tradespeople continuing to work on this when planning permission has not been granted ? Working too at weekends when council offices closed . Heavy Haulage continuing to deliver down country lane too .

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-I am astounded and shocked that Gravesham Planning Dept has allowed this to happen .. ! checks not made ! It opens doors to more Owners in area building what they like !

Looking at Gravesham Planning that have been turned down in Shorne in recent times - Residents with Genuine personal reasons to ask for permission to ask to build / change use etc on their land next to their homes ! . Why has this all at Furzelea been allowed to go ahead ! Utterly tragic , we need to protect Shorne's Green belt land .. and the Shorne wildlife and migrating birds that inhabit it! Once it's gone it's gone for

Kind regards