

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/10/2025 2:42 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: 40 Cross Lane East Gravesend Kent DA12 5HB

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage, erection of a two-storey side extension and conversion of dwelling (Use Class C3) into a 9 bedroom House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis).

Case Officer: Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I live on Cross Lane East and I want to say that I support this application.

I've read through some of the objections, and while I understand where people are coming from, I think some of the worries are being blown out of proportion.

This isn't an "overdevelopment" or a block of flats - it's a normal two-storey side extension that will still look like the rest of the houses on the street. The plans show it'll use matching materials and be set back from the front, so from outside it'll still look like a normal, tidy house.

Our location is actually very sustainable - we're close to the town centre, shops, schools, and Gravesend station, and there are regular buses running along Cross Lane East and Valley Drive. It makes complete sense to have housing like this in an area where people can easily walk or use public transport instead of needing cars.

Parking always gets mentioned, but this property already has its own driveway and most people living in HMOs don't all have cars anyway. Many work locally or commute by train or bus.

It's also worth saying that this will be a licensed HMO, which means it has to meet proper safety and space standards and will be managed by someone responsible. That's often more controlled than a lot of private rentals.

I don't believe it will create noise or mess - it's still a residential property, not a business, and the plans include proper bin storage and management.

People really do need good, affordable housing near town, especially single adults and key workers. This makes good use of the existing house without building on new land, and it helps meet local housing needs.

In my view, this proposal fits in fine with the street, the design is sensible, and the location is ideal for this type of accommodation. I support the application.

Kind regards