

I object to outline planning application 20260223 (Scott Properties – up to 50 homes on green-belt land north of High View, off School Lane, Higham).

Higham is already at breaking point: our narrow rural lanes, particularly School Lane and Taylor's Lane, are gridlocked at peak times by existing traffic, and adding the cars from another 50 homes would create unacceptable congestion, safety hazards and air pollution for existing residents. The village has just lost its GP surgery, leaving us without adequate healthcare, while schools, shops and public transport are already overstretched and unable to serve the current population, let alone a development of this size. This proposal would place unsustainable pressure on failing local infrastructure and would constitute inappropriate development on protected green-belt countryside without any very special circumstances to justify it, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework and the emerging Gravesham Local Plan. For these reasons I respectfully ask Gravesham Borough Council to refuse the application in full.

