

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 27/03/2024 9:39 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Peacock Public House 78 Peacock Street Gravesend Kent DA12 1EG
Proposal:	Change of use of the basement and ground floor of the public house to an academy with community services.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] St Andrews Road Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Parking in St Andrews Road is already overcrowded, one side does not even have permit restrictions; currently being abused for free parking by many post office workers and others who are not residents here. Both Peacock Street and St Andrews Road are rarely checked by parking enforcement. Adding an academy would encourage more people to leave their vehicles here for the entire day, this is not fair for residents who pay for a permit.

It is not necessary for Al-Haqq Academy to require another site, currently they occupy multiple locations at 26-28 Queen Street, already in Gravesend. In addition to already having multiple local sites, their finances for 2020-2021 only profited £5 for the charity, and again in 2021-2022 only £5 was in surplus. Adding an additional location with additional running costs and bills would only harm the charity's work.

The academy drawing in many young people to Peacock Street, I fear, will only add to the crime rates. In January 2024 alone, 70 crimes were reported to the Police, with 14 of these reports being for anti-social behaviour in this local Gravesend area. I do not wish for there to be a rise of incidents in my area, let alone next door to my residence where I want to feel safest.

The noise the construction would make to convert the property into an academy would disrupt local residents who work from home and those who need to sleep during the day after night shifts. And once fully running the noise would be constant during the day, exacerbating this would be people constantly coming and going from the property. The Peacock Pub previously at the site was only audible on some evenings, not at all hours of the day.

The Muslim Community in Gravesend already has a well established community space, the Gravesend and Dartford Muslim Association is located in the Gravesend Central Mosque, Albion Terrace, Gravesend DA12 2SX. This Mosque is one of the oldest in Kent and offers teachings and worship free of charge. This association already has a prime location offering the same services as Al-Haqq

Academy, without the need for disruptive construction work. It would not be beneficial to split up the local Muslim community when they should be encouraged to come together in worship and learning. There is not a need for the proposed development with a better site so nearby.

Changing the Peacock Pub on Peacock Street to an Academy would harm the property character and appearance, this would be a shame to lose. So many well known locations in Gravesend are being changed over time, it would be a great loss to see the namesake of Peacock Street removed. With the grand peacock bird sign changed to signify an academy.

Kind regards