

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/08/2026 4:03 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the development of 100 new residential properties on land situated north of The Drove Way.

While I recognise the need for new housing within the borough, I strongly believe that this particular proposal is unsuitable for the following reasons:

1. Impact on Local Infrastructure

The existing infrastructure in this area is already under considerable strain. Local roads in Istead Rise are a mess and the Drove Way itself is filled with potholes and poor surfacing. Health care services, and schools are operating close to or at capacity. The addition of 100 new homes would significantly increase traffic congestion and place further pressure on essential public services, without clear evidence of adequate mitigation measures.

2. Highway Safety and Traffic Concerns

As a resident in The Drove Way I can attest to the fact that the surrounding roads are not designed to accommodate a substantial increase in vehicle movements. Increased traffic would likely lead to heightened safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, particularly during peak hours. We already experience high flow traffic in the Drove Way due to people accessing the local park, community centre and GP surgery that i cant even imagine the impact of

increased traffic going past my door to access a further 100 homes housing families which is likely to mean at least an additional 2 cars per household.

3. Environmental Impact

The proposed development would result in the loss of greenfield land and negatively affect local biodiversity. This area currently provides important habitat for wildlife and contributes to the rural character of the locality. Development on this scale would cause irreversible environmental harm. I personally use that land for walks and recreation with my grandchildren.

4. Loss of Character and Overdevelopment

The scale and density of the proposed housing are out of keeping with the existing character of the surrounding area. Such a development would erode the semi-rural nature of the locality and set a concerning precedent for further overdevelopment. This is supposed to be a village! We have already experienced the development of flats in Worcester Close which meant the loss of green area and apple trees which were there long before I moved to Istead Rise in 1998.

5. Drainage and Flood Risk

There are concerns regarding surface water drainage and the potential for increased flood risk. The addition of extensive hard surfaces could exacerbate existing drainage issues unless robust and proven solutions are implemented.

6. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure Commitments

There appears to be insufficient detail regarding how the development will contribute to improving local infrastructure, including roads, schools, healthcare, and community facilities. Without firm commitments, the burden will fall on existing residents and services.

In light of the above concerns, I respectfully urge Gravesham Borough Council to refuse this planning application. At the very least, the proposal should be reconsidered with significant revisions to address these issues comprehensively.

Thank you for considering my objection. I would appreciate being kept informed of any developments or decisions regarding this application.

Yours Sincerely

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Kind regards