

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 27/02/2026 12:30 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of Cherry Trees Ridge Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Retrospective change of use for the siting of 4 pitches for Gypsy / Traveller occupation to include one static, one touring caravan and one amenity building on each pitch. Associated changes in land levels and hard / soft landscaping.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Ridge Lane Meopham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

My key objection is that this area cannot reasonably sustain any further urbanisation in what is supposed to be a protected environment. It's the very reason new homes are not permitted to be built and putting several caravans there is no different in terms of the impact it will have on the rural nature of the area. The applicants have already ripped down many trees/woodland and the site is already impacting on the rural character of the area and the biodiversity and habitat that so desperately needs protecting.

I'm disabled and use Ridge Lane on my mobility scooter. I already experience every day difficulties with passing traffic (there are very few passing places on Ridge Lane) as there are already too many cars using the lane (which residents have to pay to maintain). It simply can't cope with more residents and more traffic without becoming unsafe and unusable for those in foot or using mobility aids.

I'm also worried about the pressure on local infrastructure. There are already flood risks in the area and creating the hard standing needed for this site will only create further risks. We have no mains sewage here and our current electricity infrastructure is not fit for our purpose, never mind anyone else's. This is a major problem that we are in discussion with UK Power Networks about. We can't so much as have a car charging station at the moment as the infrastructure is so old and poor.

Another major concern is that approving this application risks creating cumulative

harm to the area through similar developments on neighbouring or nearby plots of woodland, of which there are many. It will open the floodgates to similar developments and quickly erode the character of the area. (Notwithstanding the fact that this application has been made in retrospect, meaning that building work has begun and by granting planning permission, it will give the message that land owners can 'get away with this' in future. We already have a case of a neighbouring piece of land that's been built on with zero planning permission and breaks all the planning laws. It's caused residents here great distress and disruption.

Lastly, there is already a traveller site on Heron Hill Lane - surely that should be used for more caravans? Until a few days ago it had many spare pitches on it for a very long time, although I see some more have arrived recently, perhaps to argue against this point?

This development should be stopped in its tracks before it does any more damage to our beautiful natural habitat and wildlife haven. It's heart-breaking to see the damage already carried out without any planning permission. Granting planning permission will give out all the wrong messages about the strength of planning policy and enforcement, and result in so many more similar issues.

Kind regards