

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/08/2026 4:45 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:	Rosegarth Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I object to this proposal for the following reasons (in no order of importance): Green belt land: Destruction of green belt land is unacceptable, we are merely custodians of this land for future generations. Do we have the right to destroy it? Gravesham's own Facebook post told us that Gravesham countryside is great and should be treated with respect. Car dependency in Istead Rise: There are no cycle routes in or around the area. No pavements travelling in the direction of New Barn or Meopham and a pavement on the A227 towards Gravesend that now takes you to three large and extremely busy roundabouts, impossible to cross safely. There is only a sketchy bus service and obviously no train station that would be walkable. Increased traffic in the area: the two main roads out of Istead Rise; A227 and New Barn Road are already congested, especially at peak times going in the Gravesend/Northfleet/Ebsfleet direction. Is it sensible to add a few hundred more cars to this every day? NHS: is there really capacity for a few hundred more patients at the doctors surgery? it is difficult to get an appointment now. From personal experience Darent Valley hospital appears to be at capacity due to the overcrowding and waiting times.
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School capacity: Does Istead Rise school have space for more pupils? If not then even more traffic movement is created with parents having to drive their children to the nearest available school.

Wildlife and habitat: Many species of birds and mammals would be driven away. You can never fully replace that.

Sprawl: Does this open the door to even more building until Istead Rise has lost it's character amid a large sprawl of housing.

Privacy: Dwellings that back on to the proposed area would loose privacy and views.

Light and noise pollution: Istead Rise is quiet and has low levels of light pollution at night especially the areas adjacent to green belt land. Residents chose to buy their properties and live here because of this. Not everyone wants to live in a town or city.

Disturbance and increased traffic: Both during building and afterwards the Drove Way would experience an increased traffic flow which is very unfair on residents who chose to buy properties because of the lack of traffic flow. It would also mean many more vehicles travelling past the local shops causing unnecessary congestion at peak times.

Does this development go anywhere towards helping the 'housing crisis'? Or is it yet another greedy developers proposal.

In summary, this is another potential development which would be detrimental to the character of the village and the open land adjacent to it.

Kind regards