

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/03/2025 10:36 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY
Proposal:	Erection of a 4x 4 bedroom houses with garage, home-office and gardens on the land north of the Convent of Mercy Gravesend. Works include an extension of Hillside Drive ending in a new turning area, private driveway and off-road parking for each house, an electrical substation, and a managed biodiversity area along the north-east boundary of the site.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	The Lapwings Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Planning application 20250136 - To the north face, each property has a third floor. Aside from the convent which is sufficient distance away from my property as for privacy not to be an issue, there are no other properties in this area immediate area with features of such prominence. The third floor of each dwelling has a bedroom with a Juliette balcony (full height doors) and a designated office space with windows, one of which is large. Given the purpose of such spaces, it is likely to be occupied most of the time and thus a permanence of observation on my property. - The main bedroom of my property (south facing the proposed) has an en-suite which is used every day. We have never had cause to restrict sight by drawing curtains in order retain privacy given the distance to the convent. We would have to do this should the proposed third floor persist. - The leylandii ("Hedge") at the north edge is currently maintained by the Convent to a height of 3.5m. They have done so diligently in the 18-19 years at my property. This allows a reasonable amount of sunlight into our garden most times of the day and crucially, would provide sufficient privacy from any one or two storey dwelling proposed. Given what we think are in the plans, it would appear that the Hedge and its maintenance will be split between three owners with potentially three or more views on how it should be maintained, if at all. - Our concerns regarding maintenance of the Hedge are 1. It isn't maintained due to disagreement between the owners, becomes unsightly and not in-keeping with the rest of the grounds and has a detrimental effect on how much sunlight our garden gets.
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2. That it is entirely removed and then presents as an unacceptable intrusion into our privacy given that the third storey of the proposed would have direct viewing into all my living spaces, potentially at all times of the day and night, where no such views previously existed.

3. That only part of the Hedge is maintained which would be unsightly and may cause problems elsewhere within the entire structure (including roots and nesting birds).

In summary, we have concerns over the Hedge including loss of privacy, loss of light, potential loss of trees given the plans deem the Hedge as of lower value and impact on conservation. We also object to overlooking and the loss of privacy through the design, layout and appearance of a third storey, even more so if the Hedge is not maintained or removed. Finally, the electrical substation proposed, we cannot see on any of the plans and if nearby to my boundary, would be an unacceptable and permanent noise as would any substation marked for planning near any home.

Kind regards