

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 26/11/2025 10:56 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of White Post Lane White Post Lane Cobham Gravesend Kent DA13 9AX
Proposal:	Change of use of the land for the stationing of 8 mobile homes for gypsy and traveller use, erection of associated day rooms, soft landscaping and laying of hardstanding (part retrospective).
Case Officer:	Mr Ethan Bonthron

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Cobham Gravesend Kent

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Appropriateness - Planning Practice Guidance (the PPG) has since been updated and, the land could be considered 'Grey Belt'. Whilst the area may be considered as Grey Belt, the space is minimal and cannot facilitate the number of traveller sites that are being erected. From arial photographs, multiple retrospective applications are being made and currently, between Plots A - C (and the unknown plot behind C) there are currently many more caravans than suggested in the Planning Applications. Openness - Given the scale shown in photographs, the scale is much larger than is being suggested in the Applications and as such, does have an adverse impact to the openness of the Green Belt. Landscape Character - Given that the approved is not being used and sizable additional plots have been established, as well as new gates have been erected (3 in total) this does affect the landscape and character of the area. The size of the Plot being established is now dangerous to road users of White Post Lane. The Inspector, in her findings, was considering this point on one family, with one caravan and touring caravan and day room. This now needs to be reconsidered based on Application 20251123 - PLOT B suggesting they should have been included in the Application for Plot A and consideration should also be given to the additional application for 8 caravans that has been submitted. Likely a further application will emerge shortly relating to the land behind PLOT C. What was once one family, has quickly become 12+ families and the approved Appeal should be reconsidered on this basis. Sole Street is a Hamlet, that cannot facilitate the weight of the traveller/gypsy community that is currently in place. It is clear that many retrospective Applications are being made and more pressure on this small pasture of land will occur.
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We ask that the Council address this and find somewhere of scale for the large gypsy community to reside.

The approved appeal notes that the family of five attend school in a neighbouring borough and the Inspector noted that there is no apparent reason why any children in this family with additional needs to reside in this location as the necessary school placement does not require this. As the children get older, the dangers of remaining on White Post Lane will increase. The road is not well lit, and cars travel quickly down this road. There are many points in which only one car is able to pass. Should the children venture out alone, there would be increased danger in this being the only accessible road to exit these plots.

The original Application did not include the additional of 2 individual pitches with a sitting of a total of 3 mobile homes, 2 touring caravans and 2 day rooms in the latest application.

Kind regards