

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 24/03/2026 11:24 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Woodlands 217 Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Alterations to existing restaurant, including alterations to elevations, additional works to accommodate plant, new corral and bin store, demolition of existing single storey side extension with erection of new single storey side extension, minor external work to existing parking bays, creation of patio and other associated work.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] St. Thomas's Almshouses Old Road West Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	1. Traffic, Parking and Road Safety Wrotham Road is already a busy and constrained route, with residents frequently forced to park partially on pavements due to limited space. The addition of a fast food drive-thru restaurant would significantly increase traffic volume and parking pressure in the area. This would likely worsen congestion, create further obstruction of pavements, and increase the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians-particularly those with pushchairs or mobility issues. The potential for queuing vehicles and idling engines would also negatively impact local air quality. 2. Proximity to a Park and Local Schools The proposed site is in close proximity to a public park as well as local primary and secondary schools. This raises serious concerns about increased litter, noise, and traffic affecting children and families using these facilities. The presence of yet another McDonalds fast food restaurant so close to schools undermines efforts to promote healthy eating habits among young people and may further encourage unhealthy dietary choices. 3. Impact on Residential Amenity A late-night fast-food outlet would likely generate noise, litter, and anti-social behaviour, particularly during evening and nighttime hours. This would negatively affect the quality of life for local residents.
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4. Environmental Concerns

Increased litter, vehicle emissions, and light pollution would further harm the local environment and undermine efforts to promote sustainability.

5. Health and Community Wellbeing

It would be irresponsible for this development to be approved given that Gravesham already has two existing McDonald's restaurants. The addition of another fast-food outlet is unnecessary and risks exacerbating an already serious public health issue. Both child and adult obesity remain significant national concerns, and local planning decisions should support, not undermine, efforts to address these challenges. Introducing another such outlet-particularly near schools-sends the wrong message about promoting healthier lifestyles within the community.

6. Character of the Area

The Woodlands area has a distinct character that would be adversely affected by a large commercial fast-food outlet. This type of development does not align with the local setting and could set a precedent for further unsuitable commercialisation.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Council to refuse planning permission for this development.

Thank you for considering my objection. I trust that the Council will take into account the concerns of local residents when making its decision.



Kind regards