

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 20/01/2026 10:23 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land At Rose Farm Downs Road Istead Rise Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the demolition of 64 Downs Road and erection of up to 154No. residential dwellings (including affordable housing), with all matters reserved except for access. Creation of a new access from Downs Road.
Case Officer:	Adeoye Lawal

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Birch Close, New Barn New Barn Longfield

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:

1 I am fundamentally against the use of greenbelt land for building in the UK. The proposed development is yet another thin end of the wedge, encroaching yet again on our valuable arable land. Surely Gravesham can find brown field or other sites within its borders for such development. Excluding small, unrepresentative islands and principalities within Europe, the UK is already the 4th most densely populated on the continent making us ever increasingly reliable on imported food. Using the population figures from the 2021 census, Istead rise already has 3000 inhabitants and the new development will increase this by at least 10%, an unsustainable figure.

2 Road access to Istead Rise is limited to two roads and, in particular, the proposed development will particularly adversely impact traffic levels on the New Barn Road that can scarcely handle the current level of traffic. 2025 saw a spate of accidents on this road, particularly between the A2 and Broad Ditch Road where parts of the carriageway already barely support the passing of the many heavy goods vehicles and other traffic that use it.

3 Contrary to the claims made by the developers, local services provided by Hospitals, GPs and NHS Dentists are already overloaded and the proposed development will simply make this worse. Public transport to Istead Rise is already virtually non- existent.

Other objectors will have many other issues and I will not repeat them here. But

the overwhelming message, which I fully support, is that the proposed development is not appropriate in this setting.

Kind regards