

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 25/09/2025 4:28 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Brookers Farm Luddesdown Road Luddesdown Gravesend Kent DA13 0XE
Proposal:	Retention/installation of 57 wine tanks and grape presses.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Cuxton Rochester Medway

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	Reasons for my objection to this Planning Application, include: 1. Industrialisation of the Landscape - The proposal marks a shift from traditional agriculture to industrial use. - A recently constructed car park with a barrier is already out of character with the natural surroundings. - The development contributes to the erosion of the area's rural identity. 2. Increased Noise and Unsuitable Traffic - Proposed equipment will likely increase noise levels. - Heavy goods vehicles have already increased during temporary operations. - Narrow country lanes are unsuitable for such traffic, posing risks to: a. Cyclists b. Walkers c. Horse riders - Local residents are experiencing disruption, which is having a detrimental effect on the quality of life and safety of residents, especially along Bush Road in Cuxton. 3. Loss of Vegetative Habitats - The application claims no vegetative habitats exist on site, but it should be investigated as to whether these habitats were likely removed during earlier temporary works (as this is the common consensus). - The claim misrepresents the true environmental impact. 4. Questionable Employment Benefits - The applicant promises 150 local jobs. - Observations suggest most workers are migrants, which raises significant doubts about the actual economic benefit to the local communities. 5. Piecemeal and Misleading Planning Approach - Development has progressed incrementally: a. Retrospective application followed by a temporary grant b. Infrastructure additions under permitted development rights - This approach appears designed to obscure the full industrial scale of the
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operation.

6. Cumulative Harm to the Area

- Part of a broader trend in Luddesdown toward industrialisation.
- Likely to increase (and is already having an impact on):
 - a. Noise pollution
 - b. Light pollution
 - c. Traffic congestion
- Threatens the rural environment and residents' quality of life, not just in Luddesdown, but in neighbouring villages.

Conclusion

- The development is inappropriate for this location and should be refused on account of:
 - It will cause lasting harm to the landscape, natural and local biodiversity, and overall rural character and way of life.
 - It offers minimal genuine benefit to the local community.
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Kind regards