

Please post to: Rebecca Harrison, Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU (stamp required)
(or can be left in secure drop box in Reception at Istead Rise Community Centre, Worcester Close, Istead Rise.)

Application Reference: 20260649		Case Officer: Rebecca Harrison	
Location:	Land North Of The Drove Way, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent		
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way.		

I am:	A Member of the Public: (Age 18 or above)	Neighbour of the site:
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My Title & Full Name:			
My address & postcode:		THE DROVE WAY ISTEAD RISE DA13 9J7	

I wish to object to planning application number 20260649 for the reasons stated below:

PLEASE ACCEPT ATTACHED LETTER/PRINT OUT

Signed & dated: 25/8/26 (Deadline for objections: 2/9/26)

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OBJECTION .

Ref: 20260649. The Drove Way, Istead Rise .

The first and obvious objection is the fact that this is **Agricultural, Green Belt Land** and has been agricultural for over 45 years.

I would contest that it performs 'weakly' on Green Belt test, it obviously does not perform weakly as agricultural land since the piece of land has been 'worked' successfully for 45 years. I'm sure if it had not worked successfully the farmers would not have ceased working this piece of land some time back.

Dangerous /road congestion.

When I moved into my house in the Drove Way in 1975 the residents had 'one car' per family which they parked on their drives. The garages on some of the properties were very narrow (the designers had probably used vehicle statistic from the 1950's) . Even then very few cars were parked in the road.

Now days owners of these same properties have two to six cars, one has seven. Families consisting of a husband, wife, two children all have cars. One family also has the same plus a large utilities van and a compressor unit, all vehicle parked in the road, often double parked. In one spot there are two 'Rail track' vans parked opposite one and other on a bend .??? I personally have five cars but I am a 'classic' car enthusiast, fortunately I have larger frontage than most and I also have a side entrance to the rear garden. Even then, one of my cars is always parked in the road.

Another 100 homes would mean another two - three hundred cars (at the least) . It's often frustrating now, I can't imagine the amount road rage conflicts and possible accidents this would cause.

Large delivery trucks already have difficulties in manoeuvring around this section of road , large builders vehicles would have serious problems getting through when cars are parked on these bends or near to the entrance to this site. Which they will be ..

'Emergency vehicles would be considerably delayed in getting to any new properties .

As for a '**cycle track**' !! This wouldn't happen . My wife loves her bike but has now almost given up, it's just too dangerous. Drivers have no respect for the new cycle/ road laws. She has been forced into the kerb many times, cut up by cars. Delivery drivers and cars, pass at too fast a speed for the road conditions, blowing their horns. My neighbour to my right side [REDACTED] is a really keen cyclist, he's now stopped riding in this area . In the last week he has been hit by cars twice, both trying either get in or out of road parking places and not looking properly . He now puts his bike in the back of his car and drives to somewhere safer to ride his bike. More traffic would make the situation intolerable.

Basically the road is not suitable for anymore traffic and it would be a danger for more vehicles to use.

The last point for now is the most important, this is **serious agricultural land** and the growth of food is more far important than a greedy developer making money.

Planning further building on this piece of land has been refused by previous 'sensible councils' twice before. It was deemed keeping this area 'green belt land and protecting further urban sprawl' was more important than more houses that would just further destroy Istead Rise .

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