

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/08/2026 6:57 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land North Of The Drove Way Istead Rise Gravesend Kent DA13 9JY
Proposal:	Development for up to 100 residential dwellings (Class C3), including the formation of new accesses from The Drove Way, the provision of new areas of public open space and all other associated infrastructure and ancillary works (all detailed matters reserved other than means of access).
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] The Knole Istead Rise Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I wish to formally object to the proposed development at The Driveway, Istead Rise. I have serious concerns about the impact that additional housing would have on already stretched local services and infrastructure, particularly education, healthcare and transport. 1. Local school capacity The local primary school is already under considerable pressure and has an intake of only around 30 children per year. There are concerns that the school is currently unable to accommodate all of the children already living within the village who require places. It would therefore be inappropriate to approve further residential development without clear evidence that sufficient school capacity will be available for the additional children generated by the proposal. New development should not place further pressure on an education system that is already struggling to meet the needs of existing local families. 2. GP capacity I also understand that the local GP practice has confirmed that there is currently no capacity for additional patients. Healthcare provision should be considered as an essential part of the infrastructure required to support new housing. Allowing additional homes without ensuring that adequate GP and primary healthcare provision is available would place further pressure on an already overstretched service and could adversely affect both existing and future
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residents.

3. Poor transport links

Istead Rise also has limited public transport connections, making the area highly dependent on private cars. The existing transport infrastructure is not sufficient to support significant additional development without increasing congestion and car dependency.

Additional residents would inevitably generate further journeys for work, education, healthcare and essential services. Given the limited public transport options, this development could add further pressure to the local road network.

4. Cumulative impact

The proposal should not be considered in isolation. The cumulative effect of additional housing on local schools, healthcare services, roads and transport infrastructure must be properly assessed.

Development should be supported by the necessary infrastructure rather than placing additional pressure on services that are already struggling to meet the needs of the existing population.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Planning Authority to refuse the application unless it can be demonstrated that adequate and funded improvements to local education, healthcare and transport infrastructure will be provided to accommodate the additional demand created by the development. I ask that these concerns are given full consideration when determining the planning application.

Kind regards