

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 04/12/2024 4:23 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Land South Of Pear Tree Lane Pear Tree Lane Shorne Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Change of use of the land for the stationing of 2 static homes, 2 touring caravans and shared day room for Gypsy / Traveller occupation. Associated hard and soft landscaping.
Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
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Address:	[REDACTED] Hollands Close Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	My objection is based on the following grounds: 1. Impact on the Green Belt and Local Character The proposed development is located in a designated Green Belt area. National and local planning policies prioritize the protection of the Green Belt from inappropriate development to maintain its openness and prevent urban sprawl. The introduction of static homes, caravans, and associated hard and soft landscaping is contrary to these principles and will compromise the visual character of the area. Furthermore, this development would set a harmful precedent, encouraging similar applications that could cumulatively degrade the local landscape. 2. Environmental Concerns Pear Tree Lane and the surrounding area are home to diverse wildlife and vegetation. Any development of this nature risks disrupting the ecological balance, with potential harm to native flora and fauna. Additionally, the proposed hard landscaping and day-room construction would contribute to increased surface water runoff, potentially exacerbating local drainage issues. 3. Traffic and Highway Safety Pear Tree Lane is a narrow rural road not designed to accommodate increased vehicular traffic, particularly the large vehicles often associated with touring caravans. The additional traffic generated by this development would pose significant safety risks to pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. This is particularly concerning as the lane lacks sufficient infrastructure, such as pavements or street lighting, to support safe access. 4. Lack of Infrastructure The site does not appear to have access to adequate infrastructure, including water supply, waste disposal, and sewerage systems. The strain on local services and utilities caused by this development would adversely affect existing
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residents. Moreover, the increased burden on waste management could result in environmental degradation in the immediate vicinity.

5. Contrary to Local Development Policies

The Gravesham Local Plan emphasizes the importance of sustainable development that aligns with the needs and character of the community. This proposal conflicts with local planning objectives, as it is likely to adversely affect the rural character of the area and does not integrate with the existing settlement pattern. Additionally, the application fails to demonstrate any exceptional circumstances that would justify development on this site.

6. Potential for Noise and Light Pollution

The proposed development would introduce activities and infrastructure that could lead to increased noise levels and light pollution, negatively impacting the tranquility of the area. This would be particularly detrimental to nearby residents and wildlife.

7. Community Concerns

The proposal has already raised significant concerns among local residents, who value the rural character and peaceful environment of the area. The introduction of such a development would likely cause friction within the community and affect local cohesion.

In conclusion, the proposed development is inappropriate for this location and does not meet the criteria for sustainable or acceptable development under both national and local planning frameworks. I urge the council to refuse this application to preserve the character, environment, and safety of our community.

Kind regards