

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 30/03/2026 3:37 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	The Woodlands 217 Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent
Proposal:	Alterations to existing restaurant, including alterations to elevations, additional works to accommodate plant, new corral and bin store, demolition of existing single storey side extension with erection of new single storey side extension, minor external work to existing parking bays, creation of patio and other associated work.
Case Officer:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Old Road West Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	These are the problems that concern me: I live on the extremely busy and dangerous crossroads of Old Road West and Wrotham Road, just adjacent to the proposed new McDonalds Restaurant. I have lived here for nearly thirty years and have seen numerous road traffic accidents in that time. At peak times, including school drop off and pick up periods, the roads are particularly congested. In addition, Wrotham Road is a major thoroughfare for large commercial vehicles using it as a principal route from the A2, which cause their own issues. Emergency vehicles are often caught in traffic jams, hindering their progress, under existing conditions. The opening of a McDonalds Restaurant on Wrotham Road will inevitably cause additional weight of traffic, with hold ups as vehicles turn into the site - particularly right turns. Additional traffic will, in my view, exacerbate the serious problems and consequences I have already outlined. The locality benefits from a number of Primary and Secondary Schools. Footfall therefore at the beginning and at the end of the School day is great. There will of course, be individuals visiting the restaurant on foot, thus increasing the footfall in the area. A combination of both increased traffic and footfall, would in my view, lead to increase in the risk of RTA's and other incidents. This as well as increased nuisance to the residents in the area, including noise and litter issues. It should also be born in mind that there are Almshouses on Wrotham Road yards from the
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restaurant site and any affects to the residents should be taken into account. Additionally local residents are likely to be affected by enhanced parking, which is already subject to restrictions.

Immediately adjacent to the site is Woodlands Park. I do not think it would be wrong to suggest that the Park will become littered with empty packaging. Litter is already a problem in the area, with the Council having to rely on volunteers to deal with such.

Pollution will inevitably follow, in an area already suffering with higher than average contamination.

The additional questions to ask in my view: is it it needed. My answer - no. There are already two such Restaurants in Gravesend. Further- will it enhance and bring benefits to the locality. My answer - no. For the reasons already outlined.

Thirdly, is it likely to have a detrimental affect on the locality both environmentally and health and safety. My answer - yes - again for the reasons already outlined. Finally, despite there being no current proposal for a "Drive Thru", I feel that after a period of time, be it one year, two years or whatever, McDonalds will, once in, make application for a "Drive-Thru"- because the site lends itself to such and the other two McDonalds in Gravesend do not have this facility.

If such an application were to be granted, it would, in my view, increase the problems already outlined, a hundredfold.

I would urge you to consider my views and the views of others before making any decision that would be detrimental to the locality and the health and safety of the residents and in particular school children, this must surely be always paramount in any decision making.

If you could see the amount of traffic that I can see whilst I am typing this, looking out of the window at peak school pick-up time, you would realise what a huge, huge problem any drastic enhancement of this would be

Thank you for your time

Kind regards