

To whom it may concern - 20260243

I wish to record my opposition to the proposed MacDonalds in the former Beefeater Restaurant site, Wrotham Road Gravesend. For the following reasons

1) We do not need a fast food establishment in the area. It is totally not in keeping with the location's character and we truly do not need a drive through there. This is a residential area with a large school and park. Please also note I use the term establishment. I feel restaurant is giving MacDonalds ideas above itself. I use them, I am not saying they shouldn't exist but they can't just be put anywhere because a council want a short term solution to a derelict building rather than thinking in the long term and of community impact.

2) Traffic. This road is already horrendous at certain times of the day and adding more traffic does not make sense. A drive through encourages car use! Let's not pretend it won't add traffic.

3) The nearby secondary school. We have sugar tax, extra duty on alcohol all in the name of making the nation more healthy. We are continually being told we are an obese nation. To allow a fast food establishment near a school and a park that is frequented by many children, clubs etc. is not within keeping of the country's health goals.

4) MacDonalds do not attract decent members of society at certain times of the day. Especially drive throughs. On occasion I will frequent a MacDonalds and have had the horrific experience of going to several late at night. Desperation more than culinary requirements. Why do you want to bring that type of element to a residential area. There are plenty of other locations that can host such a place and where it would not make the lives of those nearby miserable

I want to see that building become something. Another restaurant, care home, hotel, flats - any of these things would help the community, keep the local character and create jobs.

I live nearby, use this area and it would be an abomination if this is granted permission.

