

Please post to: Adeoye Lawal, 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: 20251233		Case Officer: Adeoye Lawal	
Location:	Land at Rose Farm, Downs Road, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent		
Proposal:	Outline planning application for the demolition of 64 Downs Road & erection of up to 154 residential dwellings & creation of a new access from Downs Road (Full details on Gravesham's Council's Website)		
I am:	Member of the Public (Age 18 or above) ☐	Other:	
My Title & Full			
My address & postcode:			

I wish to **object** to planning application number **20251233** for the reasons stated below:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Signed:

Deadline for objections: 26/1/26 Comments continued overleaf



Adeoye Lawal, Planning Officer, Gravesend BC. Ref 20251233

This proposed development has absolutely nothing going for it. Nightmare on Downs Road could, in the future, form the basis of a new horror film. The addition of a substantial number of vehicles, milling around the local school at various times of the day will, without doubt, result in death or serious injury to children. Without, major, direct access to the New Barn Road the scheme falls at the first hurdle.

Downs Road is also used as a "rat run", when there are problems on the A2. The school end, offers the easiest way for, diverting, motorists to get on and off of the Wrotham Road, via Arcadia. They are often angry at delays and race along Downs Road, which is fairly straight. Fifty to sixty mph is not unusual. Using the Istead Rise exit to the A227 can, already, be challenging. More vehicles would exacerbate an already difficult situation.

The building of an additional 154 houses adjacent to Istead Rise, on green belt land, would turn it from a village into a small town, with totally inadequate infrastructure. Currently, there is only a modest shopping facility with little parking and this would be, frequently, grid locked. The contention that our existing medical practice could cope with several hundred additional patients, a proportion of whom will be elderly, is, frankly, laughable. Getting an, appropriate, appointment is already difficult enough.

Amongst other objections, which I hope that you will consider, are

1. There is little public transport available, which for most of us leaves using our cars as the only alternative.
2. Increased noise and pollution particularly around the school would be damaging to the health of children.
3. Urban spawl is unattractive and would hasten the departure of existing residents from Istead Rise.

I urge you to reject this, ill conceived, scheme.

