

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 27/03/2026 11:17 AM 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] Lane Gravesend

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I object most strongly for these reasons: 1) Wrotham Road is a very busy road, often with long lines of traffic leading up to the traffic lights. Therefore a steady stream of customers to a fast-food restaurant AND all the delivery vehicles will only add to this traffic, with the added risk of accidents caused by trying to turn out of the restaurant carpark. Furthermore, the residents on Wrotham Road in this area are always parking not only on their side of the road but also on the pavement either side of the Woodlands. This adds to possible dangers (blocking visibility) and chaos, as will those who will pull up on the pavement, or where they can, to dash in for a take-away collection. 2) there is already a litter problem in the area (e.g. see along Cross Lane West) as a result of the proximity of shops and a fast food outlet). The litter from take-away purchases will be a real threat to what is meant to be an attractive area of the town, and what should still be a lovely building and grounds. The park next door will be where many will take and consume their food. Litter is often left on the ground now, but this development would greatly exacerbate this behaviour. The park gates are left open all day AND NIGHT, so imagine what will happen in the evenings, especially in the summer, as the restaurant wants to serve right through till 10:30pm. There already, because the gates are left open, those who go into the park on dark evenings and in the night, for anti-social activities, so having a fast food picnic will only encourage them more. DO NOT expect volunteers to continue picking up litter from the lovely park if this
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application is granted.

3) There is a large secondary school very close to the site, plus its junior pupils site. Many senior pupils go every day in their lunch break to the park. They also go to the fast food outlets at Echo Square and Cross Lane West. This causes litter and is, of course, not conducive to healthy eating. A new fast food outlet at the Woodlands will make this worse. And why does it want to open at 6:30am if not to attract those parents who would be tempted to get their children fed before school?

4) This development would be a bad image for Gravesend, sitting there at the southern entrance to the town: a lovely old building with history now turned into a horrible burger bar. And there are two others in the town, from the same company! We should be fighting to respect the town and create as positive an image as possible.

5) We all have a duty to encourage healthy eating, or at least eating in LOCALLY RUN AND MANAGED establishments. We hope the Council feel this way. The town centre is seeing an increase in independent restaurants and this is something we should ALL be supporting.

6) Once established, the proposed restaurant will presumably develop a drive-through, adding to noise, traffic chaos etc.

They call themselves a 'restaurant', but this is only part of the their operation: delivery bikes, take-away collections and a drive-through are what make this proposal particularly objectionable for anywhere and especially for this site.

7) If rejected, the proposers can still sell the property, perhaps at least for some attractive private flats / houses, so it's not as if they will suffer.

Regards, [REDACTED] 27/03/26

Kind regards