

Gravesham Borough Council  
Planning Department  
Civic Centre  
Windmill Street  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA12 1AU

06 May 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Comments for Planning Application - 20231326**  
**53 Villa Road, Higham, Rochester, Kent ME3 7BU**

As a Parish Council, we feel it is in the best interest of our parishioners to provide comments to the planning application submitted for the above property for the "Demolition of existing structures and erection of 3 bungalows."

Our councillors feel that by erecting 3 bungalows in the village, this will generate additional traffic to an, already busy, village. Villa Road already struggles with numerous cars parking on one side of the road, which narrows and restricts vehicle access and we feel with these proposed properties, this would only exasperate the problem.

Furthermore, councillors feel the proposed new bungalows would be an overdevelopment of the existing structures and existing properties would be overlooked.

Further concerns include the two new streetlights and who would have the responsibility of maintaining these going forward.

Moreover, these three new properties are to be rented and parish councillors would like to understand who would be the landlord and if there would be any qualifying criteria.

Please consider our comments carefully when reviewing this planning application.

Yours faithfully

*Rachael Martin*

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**Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**  
**Higham Parish Council**