

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: Resident of New Barn, Kent overlooking Downs Rd fields.
My Title & Full Name [REDACTED]		
My address & postcode: [REDACTED]		

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

I am horrified and extremely dismayed to learn of this planning proposal. I have lived in the NW Kent area all my life, growing up in Stone, being educated in Dartford, working in Hextable and being a resident of New Barn for the past 26 years.

Since the millennium, I have seen huge areas of ^{land,} around Dartford and Gravesend, given over to housing development. The urban sprawl of Ebbsfleet alone has created huge issues for local infrastructure: roads, services, doctors/dentists, and particularly Darent Valley Hospital our lone primary medical centre and emergency hospital. Continued development of greenbelt land can only add to those issues and further negative living conditions for all who reside here. More congestion, more people seeking over dwindling services, and added pressure on local communities to absorb hundreds of extra people.

Signed [REDACTED]

Deadline for objections: 26/1/26

Comments continued overleaf



Will the local doctors' surgery, school and secondary schools be expanded? I doubt it or least long after it has become a real problem. Will thought be given to the needs of young people - youth centres, clubs, sport facilities? I doubt it. And, the roads? There I'm sure little will be done to alleviate the already horrendous conditions that already exist.

I am also a keen conservationist, a volunteer for the RSPB at Rainham Marshes, for the past 9 years. The thought of less natural habitat and space for all aspects of nature to live and thrive is truly upsetting and deeply worrying. I fear greatly for the survival of wildlife in this area already - further development can only compound this.

We used to get hedgehogs, green woodpeckers and starlings regularly visiting our garden. Not any more!

Please, please, please do not pass planning permission application: 20251233

This area desperately needs to keep and protect our natural green spaces and open areas for the well-being of all; people and wildlife alike. Enough is enough!