

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/03/2025 9:45 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	St Josephs Convent Of Mercy Hillside Drive Gravesend Kent DA12 1NY
Proposal:	Erection of a 4x 4 bedroom houses with garage, home-office and gardens on the land north of the Convent of Mercy Gravesend. Works include an extension of Hillside Drive ending in a new turning area, private driveway and off-road parking for each house, an electrical substation, and a managed biodiversity area along the north-east boundary of the site.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Hillside Drive Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	We have quite a few concerns over this proposed planning and a lot of questions to ask about the upkeep and maintenance of the road, etc which may need to be addressed separately bearing in mind this is a private road and as residents we meet the costs of the maintenance of the same. We will note that in the letter from Clay Architects dated 4 March it states that HDRC have not formally replied to the sisters regarding the cost of how maintaining the road is to be apportioned which was stated in their last letter. We have not received either letter to our property and the one dated 4 March was shared via a neighbour, communication directly with us has been very poor and we would appreciate this being corrected. At an initial meeting we were informed by the Sisters of the Convent and their representatives that each house proposed would be of a similar size and plot to the houses that are already in the Drive. We do not see that and to be honest find the proposed houses completely out of character. Each house in the Drive is currently very individual and has its own character. Being the owners of one of the oldest houses in the Drive and bearing in mind that we are updating our house in keeping with the period we find this very disappointing. They are not appealing to the eye, too modern, three storey, the steepness of the roofs and we feel, are designed to meet a low budget. It is sad to think that this road and part of Gravesham history will not be the same. The Drive is, at the moment, quiet and hidden away and has a lot of appeal to it which is why we wanted to live here. We do note that there is bound to be some kind of development on this land but we would hope that it could be considered for 3 to 4 individual, classically designed houses to be proposed in keeping with the properties that are already here and to preserve the appeal of the Drive. There will be more traffic up and down the road and it was not designed for this. There is currently no pathway for pedestrians and there is probably only one place where cars can just about pass each other depending the size of the vehicle. Pulling in and out of the Drive is already difficult and this will only increase with more traffic. As a driver, you cannot see pedestrians clearly and as
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a pedestrian you have to be very careful walking in and out of the Drive. This needs to be addressed and considered carefully.

We have major concerns over the upkeep and maintenance of the roadway itself and the proposed common areas, ie, the turning area and the propose biodiversity area. Who will be responsible to upkeep these new areas?

We do not want to appear to be completely negative but these proposals are going to bring a lot of changes to the people that live in this road.

Kind regards