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Gravesham Borough Council
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend DA12 1AU

Reference Number: 202 512 33

19th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Objection

I am writing to object to the above planning application. I am concerned that the proposal would have unacceptable impacts on the safety, infrastructure and character of the local area.

The additional traffic generated by the development would place further strain on a road network that is already pressured, with increased congestion, parking stress and highway safety concerns. This issue is particularly significant because Downs Road is also the location of the local primary school and is used daily by children and families. Increased vehicle movements would create greater risk to pedestrians and would adversely affect safety during school drop-off and collection times.

I am also concerned about the construction phase of the development. Heavy goods vehicle movements, noise and dust would cause disruption for residents and would create additional safety risks near the school. The application does not provide enough detail to demonstrate that these impacts would be properly managed.

In addition, Downs Road is positioned at the bottom of a valley and is vulnerable to surface water issues. The proposed development would increase hard surfacing and run-off, and it has not been clearly demonstrated that drainage measures would prevent worsening flood risk.

The proposal would also place additional pressure on local healthcare services and school capacity, which are already stretched. Finally, the development would result in the loss of Green Belt land and harm the open character of the area, contributing to urban sprawl and eroding the separation between settlements.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application is refused.

Yours faithfully,

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