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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,

I object to the proposed development. My main concern is that this application creates unacceptable risk through increased traffic danger and flood impacts.

Downs Road is a valley-bottom location and is already vulnerable to surface water issues during heavy rainfall. The proposal would replace open land with impermeable surfaces, increasing run-off and potentially worsening flooding conditions. The application does not demonstrate, with sufficient certainty, that surface water drainage measures will prevent increased flood risk to Downs Road.

Highway safety is also a major concern. The local primary school is located on Downs Road and the road is heavily used by children and families. The development would add more traffic and parking stress to this route, increasing risk to pedestrians during peak school times.

Given the lack of reassurance on flood risk and highway safety, I do not believe the proposal is acceptable and it should be refused.

