

Gravesham Borough Council
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
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22 March 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Comments for Planning Application 20250218
Medway Council Consultation MC/25/0006
Lower Rochester Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Medway ME3 8EH**

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 Medway Council Consultation MC/25/0006: Outline application with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for demolition of existing buildings, the erection up to 800 dwellings (use class C3), 2-Form Entry primary school, mixed use local centre (use class E and F2), retirement living (use class C2), associated works and public open space. Approval is sought for the principal means of vehicular access from Lower Rochester Road and Higham Road.

Our councillors would like to understand how Medway Council proposes to accommodate in excess of 3,000 people (assuming 4 people to each home and 800 homes proposed) at local doctor surgeries where appointments are already difficult enough to obtain. One branch of a medical group in the local area is at risk of closure and the remaining three branches are already struggling to accommodate appointments for their existing patients.

Our councillors are also concerned about the proximity of the proposed development to our Gravesham boundary and the impact this could have on traffic through our village and on the surrounding roads.

Please consider our comments carefully when reviewing this planning application.

Yours faithfully



Rachael Martin
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Higham Parish Council