
RE: Objection to Proposed Development on Old Hockey Pitch, Herne Bay

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Good afternoon,

We have received the below response which we believe is for a consultation you are running on your local plan. Please can you include review and respond to the respondent directly.

Many thanks and kindest regards

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To: Consultation - ST <Consultation@kent.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Proposed Development on Old Hockey Pitch, Herne Bay

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Dear Consultations Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development on the Old Hockey Pitch in Herne Bay. I live opposite the site at , in a street of large Victorian houses, some of which have been converted into flats, and I am deeply concerned about the impact this development would have on local families and the wider community.

The site was formerly a hockey club, which has been closed for several years. During that time, the community has hoped that this space could be repurposed as a safe, accessible area for children and families. Although the field is currently fenced off and does not serve as a community hub, this is exactly what we want and need—a space where children and families can come together safely. The proposed development would prevent this opportunity, replacing a potential community resource with housing.

This field is a vital potential public space, providing the possibility of a safe environment where children can play, exercise, and socialize. As a parent of two children with autism and ADHD, I am particularly concerned about the loss of a secure space where they could enjoy outdoor activity and engage with the local community. Developing this site would have a serious impact on their safety, wellbeing, and development, as well as that of many other local children.

Currently, there is no parking in our street, and the proposed development would increase traffic, noise, and congestion, negatively affecting residents and the neighborhood environment. While the field is not currently a community hub, preserving it would allow it to become one, giving neighbors of all ages a space to meet, exercise, and enjoy outdoor activities.

We hope that the site could be transformed into a community space that benefits all residents, including:

- A safe play area for children of different ages and abilities
- Outdoor sports or exercise facilities
- A sensory-friendly zone or quiet space suitable for children with autism or ADHD
- Areas for community events, gatherings, and informal socializing

I respectfully request that the council reject the proposed development and instead consider alternatives that prioritize community use, safety, and accessibility. Preserving this site as a safe, free space for children and the wider community would support physical and mental wellbeing, inclusion, and a sense of community for all local residents.

Thank you for considering my objection. I urge the council to prioritize the safety, wellbeing, and needs of local families and children in making its decision.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Smith

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