

## Response from members of the public AC Goatham- Pump Lane

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<p>Tony &amp; Linda Bonathan</p> <p>No address given</p> <p>12 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:tonybonezz13@gmail.com">tonybonezz13@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Pump Lane Project.</p> <p>Revised appeal documents.</p> <p>Please find attached pdf doc regarding changes.</p> <p>Details are the problems that this project will increase if granted.</p> <p>Our comments are as local residents of Lower Rainham Road.</p>
<p>Hilda Matthews</p> <p>319, Beechings Way,</p> <p>Rainham. ME8 7BP</p> <p>12 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:hmathews1946@yahoo.co.uk">hmathews1946@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>I am still totally against the plans for the destruction of the orchards for A C Goatham and Son limited to turn into a massive housing estate, we have enough building of new houses having lost numerous orchards.</p> <p>As residents that back onto and surround these orchards we will be subjected to NOISE POLLUTION from heavy plant machinery , fumes, and possible burning of trees for many years to come along with a loss of our quality of life, these revised plans do nothing. I would ask A C Goatham if he lived where we do would he have liked this to be happening to him on his own doorstep? Rainham is in DANGER of being completely covered over in concrete with no orchards and very little wildlife left. I strongly urge that this appeal be turned DOWN.</p> <p>I would add that should we wish to sell our houses this building work will put buyers off, Who will want to buy with building work in there back gardens.</p>
<p>Jayne Binfield</p> <p>No address given</p> <p>13 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:rbinfield@hotmail.co.uk">rbinfield@hotmail.co.uk</a></p>	<p>I am writing to you regarding the proposed development in Pump Lane. I have read the document concerning transport and access, as someone who knows the area well, I consider access to public transport by foot to trains and buses would not be convenient for commuting and shopping, therefore you would be using cars etc. The site is going to have 1250 houses, most would have one car at least plus the care home, visitors and staff journeys along with all other traffic associated with general living e.g. with the increase now of online shopping. I cannot see the</p>

	existing road infrastructure coping with massive increase in traffic, which would be detrimental to the local environment.
<p>John Meers</p> <p>No address given</p> <p>13 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:johnandpatti@btinternet.com">johnandpatti@btinternet.com</a></p>	<p>Having spent some time on your website I cannot find information regarding access points to the development. This is obviously designed as a smokescreen to discourage further objections, This has succeeded.</p>
<p>Graham Harley</p> <p>No address given</p> <p>13 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:grahamharley5@hotmail.co.uk">grahamharley5@hotmail.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Shocked that these amateurs are continuing with this farce.</p> <p>They have not taken into account the feelings of the local community and are driven purely by greed.</p> <p>Having looked at the plans I am appalled at the upheaval local residents will face for an extended period and the terrible impact this will have on our countryside.</p> <p>The arrogance of the proposed road changes to Pump Lane are beyond belief.</p> <p>Just because there is the space it shouldn't mean that a new town should be built on the site.</p> <p>Shame on A C Gotham and Son Limited</p>
<p>Tom Williams</p> <p>22 Cranford Close ME87HD</p> <p>14 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:thomasrw_7@hotmail.co.uk">thomasrw_7@hotmail.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My wife and I would like to declare our objection to any developments on Pump Lane for reasons outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would ruin yet another green space in our local area.</li> <li>• I moved to Rainham from Rochester in 2017 and at the time I contacted 5 Drs surgeries and not one was willing to take me on as a patient as they were 'over their patient numbers' and having lived here 4+ years I'm still having to travel out of Rainham for the Dr to use a surgery that I only got into because my wife was a patient (although she would also like to go to a local Dr). Since then, there have been multiple housing developments built across Rainham (Miercourt, Lower Rainham Road has several, Station Road, Berengrave etc) and not a single Drs surgery has been built so to add another 1250 houses which based on the UK average of 2.4 people per house means another 3000 people</li> </ul>

	<p>requiring a Drs surgery. I genuinely think it would be criminal to build more houses in this area without looking at the local infrastructure which is already massively stretched. The hospitals have a very similar story where Medway is one of the worst in the country for average wait times and yet you want to add even more people to the area and not build another hospital?!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are not enough schools for the pupils to attend, my wife as a primary school teacher is deeply concerned about this.</li> <li>• The roads already have traffic congestion more or less all day, without another 1250 houses worth of cars which based on the UK average of 1.2 cars per household (although the averages are much greater locally) will mean a further 1500+ cars on our road infrastructure.</li> <li>• The local facilities such as supermarkets already have huge queues without having to feed a further 1250 houses.</li> <li>• Rainham train station on a normal commuting day is absolutely heaving, by 7am there are no spaces in any of the car parks and its often impossible to find a seat on the train, even if only 5% of the 1250 houses use the train, that puts huge strain on an already busy service.</li> <li>• Local parks are often massively over populated, if you visit Riverside Country Park at the weekend you can find people abandoning cars in all manner of dangerous locations because the carpark is always full, adding 1250 houses just makes that worse.</li> </ul> <p>I hope that you can find it in your hearts to appreciate that adding houses to an area is not always the right answer, especially one where the local infrastructure is already under intense strain.</p>
<p>Angela Prior</p> <p>No address given</p> <p>15 January</p> <p><a href="mailto:angelap60@yahoo.com">angelap60@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p>REF: APP/A2280/W/20/3259868</p> <p>Thank you for your letter dated 24 December 2020 received 12 January 2021.</p> <p>The additional alterations to existing plans do not contribute in any positive way to the overall ethos of the proposal. Indeed, the widening of roads and other structural alterations to existing roadways only increase the already unacceptable intrusion on the countryside which this scheme will destroy. The planned increase in housing of over 1,000 properties, a school and other care buildings will not be served well by these proposals. As I have</p>

	<p>said before, it will take a tragedy in the form of a serious, perhaps fatal, road accident before someone understands the very good reasons why so many hundreds of local residents have voiced their objections and grave concerns over these proposals. Let the Government meet their housing obligations elsewhere. The South East is at breaking point which the current pandemic has confirmed in stark terms.</p>
<p>Terry Hackett 130, Hawthorne Avenue Rainham, Kent ME8 6YF  15 January 2021  <a href="mailto:t.j.hackett@hotmail.com">t.j.hackett@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>My comments are solely concerned with the traffic assessment. There are so many errors of fact that it should be disregarded.</p> <p>3.3.3 The A2 does not pass through either Canterbury or Dartford.</p> <p>3.4.2 The 131 service runs on weekdays from Twydall to Gillingham ASDA via the Lower Road with one service in each direction. The 182 service does not run in the evenings or on Sundays. Not mentioned is the 101 service which runs in the evenings and on Sundays from Twydall to Maidstone.</p> <p>3.4.3 The 130 and 131 services do not run on the same route.</p> <p>3.4.4 The map does not show the correct routes for the 130 and 131 services.</p> <p>3.4.8 There is a fixed fare of £13 single on the 715 service so not really suitable for travel to school.</p> <p>3.4.9 I walked the route suggested for over ten years and it was a very lonely walk. The bus services may stop at the station, but the 783 is a commuter service in the opposite direction to Parkwood and the 131 runs once a day past the northern boundary of the site.</p> <p>3.4.12 The table states that there are three off peak services to London and two to Faversham. In fact there are seven to London and five to Faversham.</p>
<p>George T Smith  No address given 15 January 2021</p>	<p>No matter how the road systems are rehashed the simple fact is Medway will have 1250 residential homes dumped on its doorstep. I wonder how the hospital will welcome 1250 extra families in the event of another pandemic ?</p>

<p><a href="mailto:terrismith1942@gmail.com">terrismith1942@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>The only winners if this goes ahead will be the builders and associated trades who will cut and run whilst Medway people will be left to put up with longer waiting lists for hospital appointments, more traffic choking our roads and the loss of even more green spaces.</p> <p>The people of Medway are being ignored yet again.</p>
<p>Sue Martin</p> <p>No address given</p> <p>16 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:susanmartin7@hotmail.co.uk">susanmartin7@hotmail.co.uk</a></p>	<p>I would like to appeal against the application to build 1250 houses on land off Pump Lane. Pump Lane is a small country lane and cannot sustain the level of traffic proposed (approximately 2500 cars). The impact of these vehicles would seriously harm the local environment in relation to the air quality in the area, which is already well below the national average and one of the worst air qualities in the whole country.</p> <p>The local road network could not manage with these number of vehicles travelling at peak times to take children to school and pick them up, as this would be necessary for nearly all children living on any such development. Local roads would become 'rat runs' with cars trying to avoid travelling on the lower Rainham Road. The lower Rainham Road cannot sustain the amount of traffic already in the area, and traffic would grind to a standstill with 2500 more cars in that area. The local Hospital, Medway Maritime, cannot manage with the people already living in the area, let alone another 5000 people calling on its services. There are insufficient doctor's surgeries and dental surgeries for these people to use. There are insufficient schools in the locality to cope with children already living in the area, so this would put yet more pressure on them.</p> <p>People living on this development would need to enter and exit via Pump Lane or the Lower Rainham Road, and Pump Lane as already advised is a country lane, and not made for the volume of traffic. There would need to be either a 'Give Way' system or traffic lights to enable those living on the development to cross Pump Lane, leading to a build up of traffic, and causing gridlock, or people travelling around Twydall to try to avoid using Pump Lane. Traffic will not go along the Lower Rainham Road to use Yokosuma way, they will try to go the quickest route possible for them. People will probably be travelling to get to the train station in Rainham as these properties will be advertised for London residents to move to Medway. The area is quickly being</p>

	<p>concreted over and there will be no open spaces left, or green areas to help the air quality of current residents. There are habitats for wildlife that will be impacted by this proposal. The water links are not sufficient for current purpose, let alone requirements for 1250 new properties.</p> <p>Please allow this land to remain as agricultural land, it is still a viable proposition, and do not build these properties, and lose the orchards forever.</p> <p>My original comments also stand.</p>
<p>Paul Brunton ME8 6XP 12 January 2021 <a href="mailto:8bflying@gmail.com">8bflying@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>If planning permission is needed for essential building like, schools, care facilities and housing care etc, and anything to improve the quality of life to local people and residents then the planning office should stop building bureaucratic brick walls and listening to not in my backyard parishioners, and get the building work started, its for the people and for looking forward and not stopping progress.</p>
<p>Barbara Reeves Rainham, ME8 7DQ 13 January 2021 <a href="mailto:b_reeves@hotmail.co.uk">b_reeves@hotmail.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Having looked at the Appeal documents relating to Transportation and Access I still cannot see that there will be improvements in traffic flow to and from the site. There will still be a great impact of excess traffic on the surrounding junctions, i.e. Ito Way, Otterham Quay Lane. Berengrave Lane, Birling Avenue, Pump Lane. In fact all junctions north of the A2 will be adversely affected by this development. There will be traffic chaos not only at peak times but because a care home and school are proposed (and the subsequent traffic associated with these proposals) there will be traffic chaos at all times of the day. The development is too far from public transport, i.e. Rainham Rail Station, for the average person not to use their car. There could be 4 cars associated with a 3 bedroomed house! The section of road between Berengrave Lane and Station Road along the Lower Rainham Road has no footpath, the road is narrow and often is a single carriageway due to local parking or lorries using this as a cut through from Sittingbourne. Traffic proceeding along Lower Rainham Road and wanting to turn right into the new development will use a filter lane but because of the amount of traffic coming in this direction there is not enough spaces for traffic to wait, therefore there will be traffic jams leading back to Yokosuka Way. Standing traffic causes pollution. It doesnt matter how may access points or</p>

	interim crossing points are proposed it still doesnt take away the adverse impact this development would have on the local area.
<p>Mick Simmonds</p> <p>ME8 7NY</p> <p>13 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:simmarine@aol.com">simmarine@aol.com</a></p>	<p>We are desperate for a new hospital and that has to come first before building 1250 new houses. This is an absolutely ridiculous proposal.</p>
<p>Ross Green</p> <p>Rainham, ME8 7PG</p> <p>15 January 2021</p> <p><a href="mailto:rossgreen80@gmail.com">rossgreen80@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>The revised access strategy overlooks the additional weight of traffic to the Lower Rainham Road. With other nearby sites on Station Road and the Lower Rainham Road itself either nearing completion of new dwellings or about to commence building work, additional traffic cannot be effectively absorbed in the local area. The Lower Rainham Road is already far too congested, and the addition of 1200 new homes will cause unthinkable damage to this route, pollution levels in the local area and pedestrian safety.</p>