



One Closed, A Seventh Arrives

Comments on the replacement recreation ground closed on 24 September with twenty-two objections on Medway's file, eleven of them filed in the final week. A seventh application on the Church Street land arrived on 21 September. Six closing dates fall in the next three weeks, the first on 1 October.

FOR THE GROUP 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

PART ONE

What happened since 18 September

- 1 Comments closed on the recreation ground.** MC/26/1646, the design and layout of the pitches, courts and pavilion under condition 41, closed on 24 September. Medway's register now records twenty-two comments on it, all of them objections, against eleven a week earlier. Eleven letters were published on the file on 18, 19, 21, 22 and 24 September. Medway has not decided it. Its own target date is 23 October, which falls before its 2 November target for MC/26/1467, the reserved matters that fix the layout those details depend on.
- 2 A seventh application arrived on the Church Street land.** Medway validated MC/26/1809 on 21 September. It asks the council to approve the highway works required by condition 13 of the appeal decision. Its whole file is an application form and two drawings titled "Highway works signage plans", one for Town Road north and one for Town Road south. Comments close on 14 October. Medway's own target date for deciding it is 16 November. It does not yet have its own page on the website.

- 3 **Medway discharged a condition at Buckland Road.** On 22 September the council discharged condition 15, the construction environmental management plan, on Redrow's 44 homes at Buckland Road in Cliffe Woods. The application had been with Medway since 16 January. Officers took the decision. The notice gives one reason: that the submitted information has been reviewed and the details are considered acceptable. The second application on that permission, MC/26/0078 on air quality, is still undecided more than six months after Medway's own target date of 17 March.
- 4 **The group's September objections are now on Medway's public file.** The issue of 18 September reported that the five objections sent on 9 September to MC/26/1720 to MC/26/1724 could not be found on the council's document lists. All five are on those files now, each dated 9 September. The group does not know whether they were added late or were simply not visible a week ago.
- 5 **Nothing has come back yet on the drainage decision.** The committee's letter of 16 September asked Medway to answer twelve questions and to say by 30 September whether it will look again at the discharge of condition 32. Nothing new has been published on MC/26/1459 since that letter went in.

PART TWO

Where things stand

WAITING FOR A
DECISION

12

applications on the
Church Street land

OPEN FOR
COMMENT NOW

7

closing between 1
and 14 October

ON THE
RECREATION
GROUND

22

people
commenting,
against eleven on
18 September

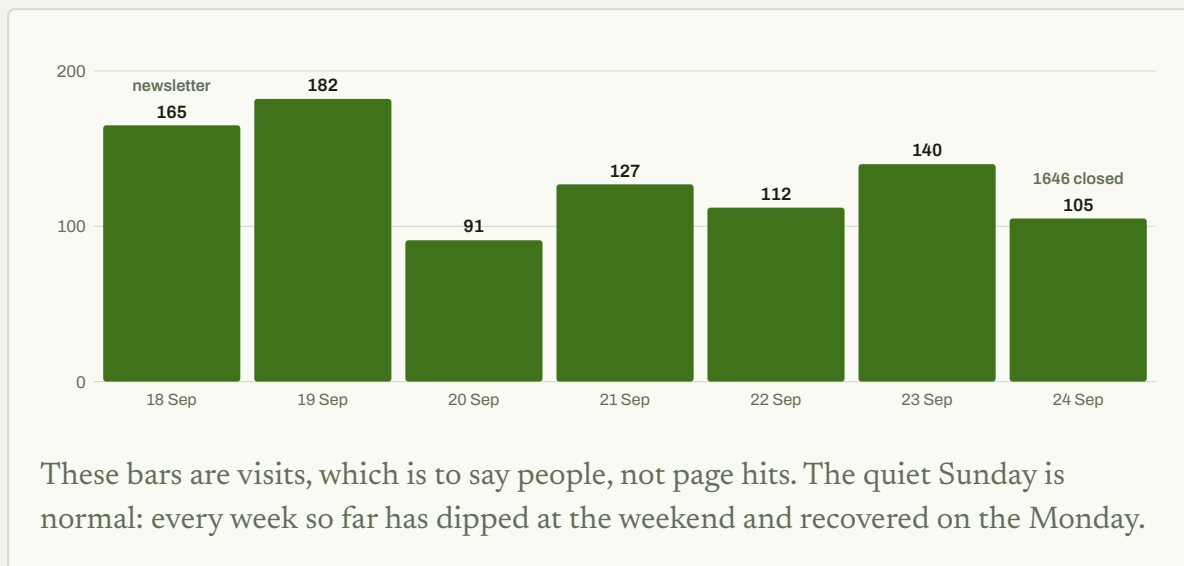
VISITS IN THE
WEEK

922

18 to 24 September

The recreation ground was the week's work and it shows in every figure. Its page on the website was read 214 times between 18 and 24 September, more than every other application page put together. The button that opens Medway's comment form was used on it twenty-five times. Eleven

more people wrote in. That is a village doing in seven days what it had taken three weeks to do before.



PART THREE

What it actually means

01 The last week made the difference on the rec

On 18 September eleven people had commented on MC/26/1646. When it closed on 24 September, twenty-two had. Every one of those comments is an objection. Over the same seven days the application's page here was read 214 times and the comment button on it was used twenty-five times.

The pattern is now clear enough to plan around. People comment in the last week, not the first. The six applications closing on 1 and 2 October are in exactly the position the recreation ground was in a fortnight ago. The week ahead is the week that counts for them.

02 Seven applications are open at once, one of them new

MC/26/1809 was validated on 21 September and closes on 14 October. It is the fourth application about highway works on this land, after conditions 10, 11 and 12. Its file holds an application form and two signage drawings for Town Road.

Applications are now arriving faster than they are being decided. Twelve applications on the Church Street land are waiting for a decision. One has been decided since August: the drainage scheme, which was approved.

03 Two conditions went the same way in a week

Medway discharged condition 32 on the Church Street land on 15 September and condition 15 at Buckland Road on 22 September. Both were decided by officers rather than by councillors. Both notices give a single sentence of reasoning: that the details submitted are acceptable.

The Buckland Road one had no comments on it at all. The Church Street one had twelve, all objecting. The notice mentions none of them. The group's letter of 16 September asks Medway to explain the second of those. The answer was requested by 30 September.

PART FOUR

What to do about it

Four dated things and one standing habit. Three of them are closing dates. The first one is the week ahead.

Wednesday

30 SEPTEMBER

The day Medway was asked to answer on the drainage. The committee's letter of 16 September asks twelve questions and whether the decision to discharge condition 32 will be looked at again. The group will report what comes back.

Thursday
1 OCTOBER

Comments close on the two road schemes. MC/26/1722 is the access into the new sports ground from Buttway Lane. The drawings say a coach would need the junction built to different radii. This is the only way into the ground that is to replace the rec. MC/26/1723 is the Cooling Road improvements. Both have a page on the website with a button that opens Medway's form.

Friday
2 OCTOBER

Comments close on the other four. MC/26/1719, the travel plan; MC/26/1720, air quality; MC/26/1721, the Cooling Road highway works; and MC/26/1724, noise.

Wednesday
14 OCTOBER

Comments close on MC/26/1809, the new one. The highway works under condition 13. Its page will be added to the website once the group has read what has been filed.

Every week
WHILE
APPLICATIONS ARE
LIVE

Send the link rather than only reacting to the post. Most visits arrive with no trace of where they came from, which is what a link shared in a WhatsApp group or a text message looks like. It takes ten seconds and it is how this spreads.

Twenty-two people wrote in on the recreation ground and nobody needed to know any planning law to do it. Saying what you use a place for, how often and what you expect in its place is a planning comment. The six applications closing on 1 and 2 October take the same kind of letter. Each has its own page here with the points already set out.

PART FIVE

Where this comes from

Everything above comes from Medway's own planning register, read application by application on 25 September 2026: the dates, the document lists and the number of people commenting, as Medway's comments tab counts them. The traffic figures come from the website's own visit counter, which records no names, no addresses and nothing that identifies anybody.

The group also swept Medway's weekly lists for the weeks beginning 7, 14 and 21 September, by ward rather than by parish, looking for new applications anywhere in the two villages. That sweep found MC/26/1809. The week beginning 21 September is still open and will be swept again for the next issue.

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