



# Six Closed, One Still Open

The six applications validated in early September closed on 1 and 2 October with forty-five objections between them on Medway's file. None has been decided. One application on the Church Street land is still open for comment, until 14 October.

FOR THE GROUP    2 OCTOBER 2026

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## PART ONE

### What happened since 25 September

- 1 Six consultations closed.** MC/26/1722 and MC/26/1723, the Buttway Lane access and the Cooling Road improvements, closed on 1 October. MC/26/1719, MC/26/1720, MC/26/1721 and MC/26/1724, the travel plan, air quality, the Cooling Road highway works and noise, closed on 2 October. Medway's register records forty-five comments across the six, every one of them an objection. Medway has decided none of them. Its own target dates for deciding them are 2 and 3 November.
- 2 The parish council has commented on the travel plan.** Its response to MC/26/1719, dated 24 September, is on Medway's file. In it the parish council says the plan is flawed in a number of respects. It points to gaps in the 133 bus timetable in the morning and the afternoon, a rail service from Higham that it says is now hourly rather than the two or three an hour the plan reports. It also says the village shops cannot meet everyday needs.
- 3 More people wrote in on the recreation ground.** Medway's register recorded twenty-two comments on MC/26/1646 on 25 September. On 2 October it recorded twenty-seven, all of them objections. Medway has not decided it. Its own target date is 23 October.

- 4 **Nothing has appeared on Medway's file about the drainage decision.** The committee's letter of 16 September asked Medway to say by 30 September whether it will look again at the discharge of condition 32. As at 2 October nothing new had been published on MC/26/1459 since the decision notice of 15 September.
- 5 **No appeal has been recorded on Higham Road.** Medway's file for MC/26/0194 showed no appeal on 2 October. Gleeson Land has six months from the decision notice of 7 September in which to appeal.
- 6 **Three homes on Town Road were refused.** On 24 September Medway refused MC/26/0432, three houses in the garden of Westfield on Town Road, between Cliffe Woods and Cliffe. Its first reason is that they would bring more housing into the rural gap between the two villages, contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan among others. The parish council had objected. The application now has its own page on the website.

## PART TWO

### Where things stand

WAITING FOR A  
DECISION

**12**

applications on the  
Church Street land

OPEN FOR  
COMMENT NOW

**1**

MC/26/1809, until  
14 October

OBJECTIONS ON  
THE SIX

**45**

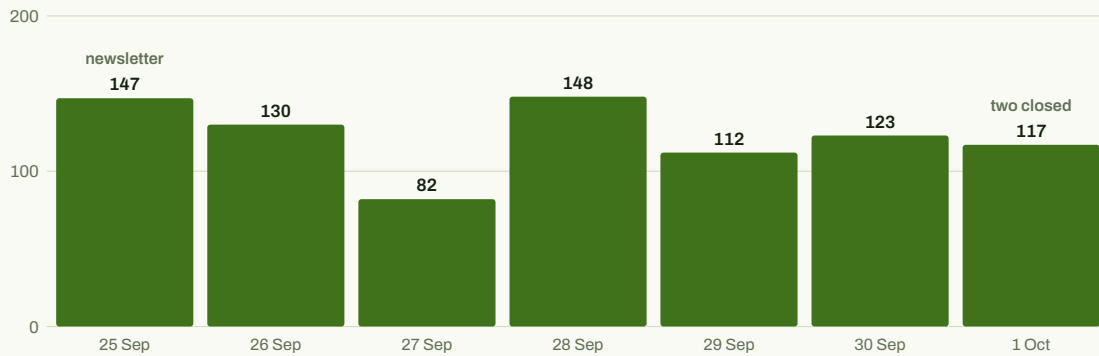
closed on 1 and 2  
October

VISITS IN THE  
WEEK

**859**

25 September to 1  
October

In the seven days before the six closed, the buttons on their pages that open Medway's comment form were used forty times. The Buttway Lane access drew the most, thirteen. On Medway's file it drew the most comments too: nine.



These bars are visits, which is to say people, not page hits. Sunday dipped again and Monday recovered, the same shape as every week so far.

### PART THREE

## What it actually means

### 01 Forty-five objections and no decision yet

Between seven and nine people objected to each of the six applications on Medway's file. That is fewer than the twenty-seven on the recreation ground. These are travel plans, noise reports and road drawings rather than the village's own playing field.

**What matters now is that every one of the six has objections on its file.**

Medway has a month before its own target dates. A comment sent after a closing date can still count while an application is undecided, but the council is not obliged to wait for it.

### 02 The parish council and the group are saying similar things about the travel plan

The group objected to the travel plan on 11 September. The parish council's response of 24 September makes its own points, on buses, trains and shops.

**Both are now on Medway's file for the case officer to weigh.**

### 03 One application left open and a date next week

MC/26/1809, the signage on Town Road under condition 13, is the only application on the Church Street land still open. Three people had commented on it by 2 October. Its application form lists a covering letter that Medway had still not published on 2 October.

**Medway's own target date for the remediation scheme, MC/26/1542, is 8 October.** It is the next decision due on this land.

#### PART FOUR

### What to do about it

Three dates and one standing habit. Only one of them is a closing date.

**Thursday**  
8 OCTOBER

**Medway's own target date for the remediation scheme.**

MC/26/1542 covers conditions 20 to 23, contamination and remediation. Sixteen people objected to it. The group will report what Medway decides.

**Wednesday**  
14 OCTOBER

**Comments close on MC/26/1809.** The highway signage on Town Road under condition 13. Its page on the website sets out what the drawings show and what they leave out, with a button that opens Medway's form.

**Friday**  
23 OCTOBER

**Medway's own target date for the recreation ground.** MC/26/1646, the pitches, courts and pavilion under condition 41. It falls before the 2 November target for MC/26/1467, the reserved matters that fix the layout those details depend on.

**Every week**  
WHILE  
APPLICATIONS ARE  
LIVE

**Send the link rather than only reacting to the post.** A link shared in a WhatsApp group or a text message is how most visits arrive. It takes ten seconds.

**Every application the group has asked people to write on now has objections on Medway's file.** That is a record an Inspector would see if any of them went to appeal. It was built by residents writing in their own words.

#### PART FIVE

### Where this comes from

Everything above comes from Medway's own planning register, read application by application on 2 October 2026: the dates, the document lists and the number of people commenting, as Medway's comments tab counts them. The parish council's views are quoted from its own response on Medway's file. 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 21 and 28 September, by ward rather than by parish. The sweep found no new application on the Church Street land. It did find the refusal at Westfield, Town Road, which had not been on the register. The week beginning 28 September is still open and will be swept again for the next issue.

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