



Contamination Conditions Discharged

On 8 October Medway discharged the four contamination conditions on the Church Street land for the whole site. Eleven applications there are still waiting for a decision and one is open for comment, until 14 October.

FOR THE GROUP 9 OCTOBER 2026

PART ONE

What happened since 2 October

- 1 The contamination conditions were discharged.** On 8 October Medway decided MC/26/1542, the site investigation and remediation conditions, numbers 20 to 23 of the appeal decision. An officer discharged all four "for the whole site", on Medway's own target date. The decision letter accepts the conclusion of the investigation the applicant filed, that no remediation work is needed on any of the three plots.
- 2 The letter answers the objections in one paragraph.** It records objections and representations from sixteen households or representatives. It says they raise wider concerns about the development and do not directly relate to the contamination conditions. Where residents referred to the investigation, it says "the specialist consultation response received is sufficient". That response has not been published. On 9 October Medway's file for MC/26/1542 held four documents: the application form, the covering letter, the investigation and the decision letter.
- 3 People are still writing in on the six that closed.** On 2 October Medway's register recorded forty-five comments across MC/26/1719 to MC/26/1724. On 9 October it recorded seventy-three, every one an objection. The most recent were sent on 5 and 6 October, after the closing dates. The Buttway Lane access, MC/26/1722, now has sixteen. None of the six has been decided.

- 4 **The recreation ground is unchanged.** MC/26/1646 still has twenty-seven comments, all objections. Medway has not decided it. Medway's own target date is 23 October.
- 5 **Nothing new on the drainage decision or on Higham Road.** As at 9 October nothing had been published on MC/26/1459 since the decision notice of 15 September. Medway's file for MC/26/0194 showed no appeal.

PART TWO

Where things stand

WAITING FOR A
DECISION

11

applications on the
Church Street land

OPEN FOR
COMMENT NOW

1

MC/26/1809, until
14 October

OBJECTIONS ON
THE SIX

73

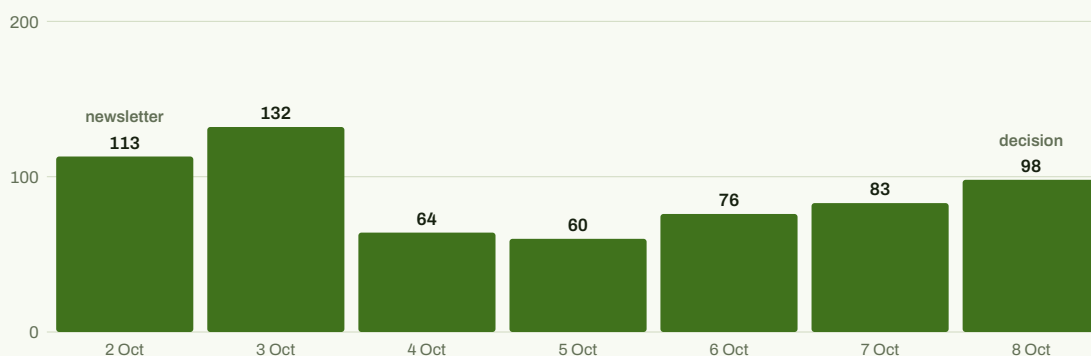
up from 45 on 2
October

VISITS IN THE
WEEK

626

2 to 8 October

Two decisions have now been made on the Church Street land since the applications began arriving in August. Both were made by the same officer under delegated powers. Both discharged the conditions for the whole site.



These bars are visits, which is to say people, not page hits. The two busiest days followed the issue of 2 October. Sunday and Monday were the quietest, the same shape as every week so far, then visits climbed each day to 8 October.

What it actually means

01 A second decision made without a published report

When condition 32, the drainage, was discharged on 15 September, no officer report or consultee response was published with it. The same is true of the contamination decision. This time the letter says a specialist was consulted, but what that specialist said is not on the public file.

What Medway has published is on its file for anyone to read. The page for MC/26/1542 on the website links to it.

02 Comments after a closing date still arrive and still count

Twenty-eight more objections were recorded on the six September applications between 2 and 9 October, the most recent sent on 5 and 6 October. A comment sent while an application is undecided can still count, but the council is not obliged to wait for it.

Medway's own target dates for those six are 2 and 3 November. That is the window.

03 One application left open

MC/26/1809, the signage on Town Road under condition 13, closes on 14 October. Three people had commented on it by 9 October. Its application form lists a covering letter that Medway has still not published.

What to do about it

One closing date and two target dates. The closing date comes first.

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 two drawings show and what they leave out, with a button that opens Medway's comment form.

Friday
23 OCTOBER

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

Monday
2 NOVEMBER

Target dates begin for nine more. The six September applications are due on 2 and 3 November and the three sets of reserved matters on 2 and 4 November. The group will report each decision as it is made.

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.

PART FIVE

Where this comes from

Everything above comes from Medway's own planning register, read application by application on 9 October 2026, including the decision letter for MC/26/1542. Comment counts are as Medway's comments tab gives them. The group also searched the register for anything received or validated from 21 September to 9 October and found nothing new in Cliffe or Cliffe Woods. Visit figures come from the website's own counter, which records nothing that identifies anybody.

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