



Application: 20240050

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)**

NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND
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To: **Mr Lee Jameson
C/O Mr Tony Martin
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TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **REFUSED TO PERMIT** development of land situate at:

**1 Strand Close
Meopham
Gravesend
Kent
DA13 0EG**

and being **erection of part two storey side and rear extension and part single storey side and front extension with the excavation of the garden and erection of a new retaining wall.**

Your application dated 21st February 2024 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed two storey rear extension element of the proposal by virtue of its siting and proximity to the neighbouring dwelling and the proposal to re-affix existing fencing to the top of a proposed retaining wall along the rear boundary due to its height, would cause overshadowing, loss of light and overlooking to the occupiers of no. 45 Huntingfield Road and would generally be an overbearing and unneighbourly form of development which would be harmful to their amenity and privacy. As such in respect of neighbouring amenity the proposal would be contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and paragraph 135(f) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).
2. The proposal would result in the dwelling having an undersized private garden area and would result in the dwelling having an even more undersized private rear garden depth than existing which would be harmful to the amenity and living conditions of existing and future occupiers of the dwelling. As such the proposal in respect of occupier amenity is contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and paragraph 135(f) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).
3. The proposal to re-affix existing fencing to the top of a new retaining wall along the rear boundary by virtue of its height would be a highly incongruous form of development which would be out of keeping with the character of the area and harmful to the streetscene. As such in respect of design, character and appearance the proposal is contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 DECISION PLANS

For the avoidance of doubt, the forms, plans and documents upon which this decision is made comprise:

- Application form;
- Unnumbered drawing - Proposed Retaining Wall At Garden Level;
- Drawing no. LJ/24/1 - Proposed Plans & Elevations;
- Drawing no. LJ3ST - Proposed Roof & Garden Plan, Proposed Block Plan;
- Drawing no. LJ-2ST - Existing Plans & Elevations.

2 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative way. In this instance the application is not in accordance with the Development Plan for the area and cannot be supported.

Dated: 17 April 2024

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NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANT

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If this is a **householder application*** which has been refused and you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks of the date of this notice**.
- For all other applications, refused or permitted, if you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.
- **For further information regarding Appeals and to make an application please click the relevant link:**
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision>
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having

regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

***Householder applications**

These are:

- (a) applications for planning permission for development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, or
- (b) an application for any consent, agreement or approval required by or under a planning permission, development order or local development order in relation to such development

but does **not** include –

- (i) an application for change of use;
- (ii) an application to change the number of dwellings in a building.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he/she render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.