

**Planning Application for Conversion of Upper Floors into
Three Flats**

7 King Street

Gravesend

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Planning Statement

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1. Introduction

This planning statement supports the proposal to convert the abandoned upper floors of 7 King Street, Gravesend, into three 1-bed studio flats. The project aims to revitalise unused space within an existing building without altering its external appearance, thereby preserving its historical and architectural character.

2. Site Description

7 King Street is a historically significant building located in Gravesend town centre. The upper floors have been vacant for an extended period, presenting an opportunity to repurpose the space while maintaining the building's external integrity.

3. Proposal Details

- Conversion of existing upper floors into three 1-bed studio flats, with no external alterations proposed.
- Internal modifications will be limited to ensure compatibility with the building's original features.
- Each studio flat will be designed to optimise available space while adhering to modern living standards.

4. Planning Policy Considerations

The proposal aligns with the following planning policies:

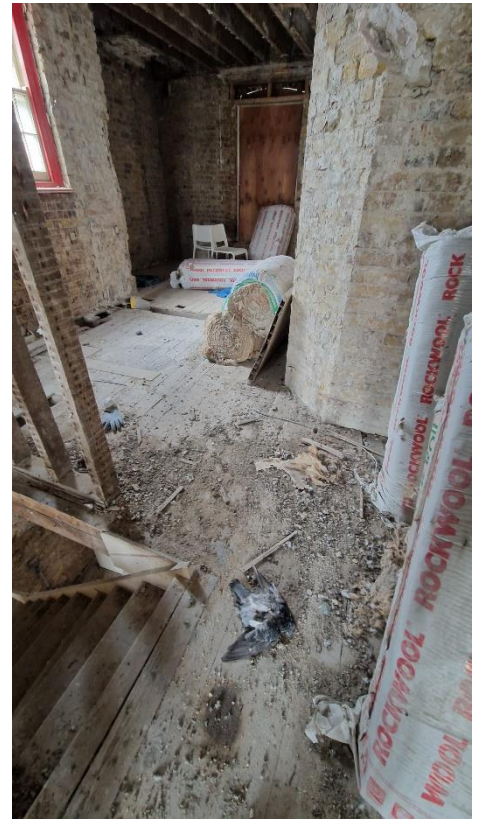
- **Conservation:** By avoiding external alterations, the project respects the building's historical fabric and contributes to the preservation of Gravesend's architectural heritage.
- **Housing Provision:** The conversion addresses local housing needs by introducing additional residential units in a sustainable and contextually sensitive manner.

5. Economic and Social Benefits

- **Economic:** The project will activate underutilised space, potentially stimulating economic activity through construction and subsequent property management.
- **Social:** Providing new housing options within the town centre promotes community diversity and meets the demand for centrally located accommodation.

6. Visual Documentation

To provide a comprehensive view of the proposed development, attached to this planning statement below are photographs of the property. These images showcase its current state and potential for redevelopment, illustrating the existing condition of the upper floors and demonstrating the feasibility of converting them into studio flats while preserving the building's historic charm.



7. Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposal to convert the upper floors of 7 King Street into studio flats represents a balanced approach to urban redevelopment. By retaining the building's external character while addressing housing needs, the project aligns with both local planning policies and community expectations. We respectfully request the planning authority's favourable consideration of this application.