

# Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 03/10/2025 12:10 PM from [REDACTED]

## Application Summary

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| Address:      | 35A Watling Street Gravesend Kent DA11 7NU                                                             |
| Proposal:     | Erection of a first floor side extension to create a two storey one bedroom self contained side annex. |
| Case Officer: | Ms Rebecca Harrison                                                                                    |

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## Customer Details

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| Name:    | [REDACTED]             |
| Email:   | [REDACTED]             |
| Address: | [REDACTED] Cirencester |

## Comments Details

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| Commenter Type:      | Member of the Public                                          |
| Stance:              | Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application |
| Reasons for comment: |                                                               |

Comments:

On behalf of the National Annexe Planning Consultancy (NAPC), I write in support of planning application reference 20250880 for the erection of a first floor side extension to create a two storey one bedroom self contained side annex at 35A Watling Street, Gravesend, Kent DA11 7NU.

NAPC's national position is that ancillary and modular accommodation represents an efficient and sustainable use of existing residential plots, supporting flexible living arrangements, including multigenerational households. The proposed annexe, by virtue of its design as a self contained yet clearly ancillary extension to the main dwelling, aligns with these principles and offers a practical response to local housing and care needs without necessitating large scale new development. Our expertise in this sector demonstrates that such schemes can deliver significant social and economic benefits while maintaining the character and amenity of established residential areas.

We note the importance of ensuring the annexe remains ancillary to the main house, both in use and in its physical relationship to the principal dwelling. The proposed two storey side extension should be carefully conditioned to prevent future separation or independent occupation, thereby safeguarding against the creation of a separate planning unit. Consideration should also be given to matters of scale, access, and integration with the existing property to ensure the development remains subordinate and sympathetic to its context.

NAPC encourages the local planning authority to consider the adoption of supportive annexe policies in future reviews of the local plan. Experience from Ireland and California demonstrates that well regulated ancillary accommodation can play a vital role in relieving housing pressures and supporting families, while upholding high standards of design and neighbourliness.

Further information on the benefits and best practice for ancillary accommodation can be found at <https://napc.uk/annexe-support/>. We trust the council will recognise the value of this proposal and its alignment with broader policy objectives for sustainable and flexible living.

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Kind regards