

Application: 20230741

**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 Grixx
C/O Ms Hanan Hassan
Barron Edwards, Whitehall Place
47 The Terrace
Gravesend
DA12 2DL**

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:

**21A Cobham Street
Gravesend
Kent
DA11 0SB**

and being **Erection of basement and ground floor rear extension to provide space for an additional residential unit.**

Your application dated 24th July 2023 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The proposal would result in extremely poor living conditions for future occupiers of flat 1 (basement flat) by virtue of this unit of accommodation being wholly below ground level, the living/kitchen/dining room in this flat receiving very poor levels of natural sunlight/daylight and outlook and having a very confined and enclosed external amenity area. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and paragraph 130 (f) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).
2. The applicant has failed to provide any ecological evidence to inform a habitat regulations assessment to address the impact of the proposed development on the Thames Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site and Special Protection Area (SPA) or offered a financial contribution towards the identified mitigation measures to address the impact of the development on the SPA/Ramsar site. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy CS12 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) which seeks to ensure that detrimental effects on the integrity of SPA/Ramsar sites are avoided, and also contrary to Paragraphs 180 and 181 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).
3. Insufficient information has been provided on refuse storage in between collections for the proposed two flats such that it cannot be ascertained that the proposal would provide sufficient refuse storage for the proposed two flats (and would not affect the existing upper maisonette's refuse storage provision) and that any such refuse storage would not impact on the amenity and living conditions of occupiers of any of the flats in the building or the surrounding area. As such the proposal is contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 DECISION PLANS

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

- o Application form;
- o Drawing no. 001 Rev. A - Existing and Proposed Block Plan, Location Plan;
- o Drawing no. 002 Rev. B - Existing Floor Plans and Elevations; and
- o Drawing no. 003 Rev. A - Proposed floor Plans and Elevation.

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 and, where appropriate, has worked pro-actively with the applicant to secure a development that is sustainable and that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area, and that is in accordance with the Development Plan for the area. In this case no pre-application advice was obtained by the applicant following the refusal of previous application reference 20230354 and this current proposal has not addressed the grounds of refusal of application reference 20230354.

Dated: 18 September 2023

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Wendy Lane MRTPI
Assistant Director (Planning)
Planning Service

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.