

COVER STATEMENT

**6 Lapis Close
Gravesend
DA12 4UF**

Introduction:

This statement has been prepared by Icon Design Studio Ltd to support a planning application for the proposed extension of an existing dropped kerb at 6 Lapis Close, Gravesend, DA12 4UF.

Site Location:

6 Lapis Close, Gravesend, DA12 4UF

Proposal:

The proposal is for the extension of an existing dropped kerb. This statement considers the constraints of the site, the opportunities that the proposal will provide and how, together they have led to the application now put forward.

The application is supported by the following drawings:

Drawing No: ICON-176-C1 Existing & Proposed Plans**Location Plan****Block Plan****Site and surroundings:**

- The application site is currently comprised of a two-storey residential dwelling house at 6 Lapis Close, Gravesend, DA12 4UF.
- The area surrounding the site is residential in nature.
- Access to the said property is from the Lapis Close.
- Lapis Close connects to the Orlick Road which further connects to the Lower Higham Road towards the North whereas Lapis Close connects to the Rochester Road A226 towards the South which makes the area very busy in terms of car parking.
- As mentioned above, the area is a very much busy area in terms of car parking therefore it is extremely difficult for the residents to park their cars easily at their drive ways.

- The existing dropped kerb is quite small and the road in front, Lapis Close, is too narrow. The drivers park their cars on the immediate foot path of number 6 Lapis close which makes the access to the drive way impossible on a daily basis.
- Please refer to the attached photographs of the road in support of the above statement.



Photo showing the drive way and existing drop kerb of number 6 Lapis Close



Photo showing Lapis Close and the cars parked on the foot paths



Photo showing a car parked on the immediate foot path of number 6 which makes entry and exit as well as the maneuvering impossible to and from the drive way



Photo showing the close end of the Lapis Close and the cars parked on the foot path and the road



Photo taken from the window of 6 Lapis Close showing the cars parked on the foot paths making entry and exit as well as the maneuvering impossible



Photo taken at night showing the cars parked on the immediate foot path

- As evident from the above photographs, the existing dropped kerb is proposed to be extended similar to most of the dropped kerbs in close proximity in the local area, in order to make parking and entry & exit easy for the residents of Number 6 Lapis Close.
- The proposed extension of the existing dropped kerb will improve the site & its surroundings and will bring comfort to the everyday life of the occupants.

Conclusion:

It is considered that the application put forward is in accordance with the policies of the council. The proposed extended dropped kerb on the said site provides more efficient use of the parking arrangements for the occupants of the said property.

The proposal will have no adverse effects on the surrounding and will also respect the local amenities which the neighboring residents can quite reasonably continue to enjoy.

The proposal is considered to be appropriate for this site and the Council is requested to grant planning permission for it.