

Application: 20250749

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

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND
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To: **Gravesham Borough Council
C/O Mrs Awa Sarr, Potter Raper
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Beckenham
BR3 3LA**

TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **GRANTED PERMISSION** for development of land situate at:

**Carl Ekman House
Tooley Street
Northfleet
Gravesend
Kent**

and being **Conversion of existing store and vacant area into office space. Conversion of separate store into pram and cycle storage spaces with enhancements to the communal area with installation of secure door between entrance lobby and corridor. The front entrance landscape will be updated from grass to a resin surface with two types, and wooden planters installed.** Your application dated 25th July 2025 is permitted subject to the following:-

1. The development hereby approved shall be begun not later than 3 years following the date of this decision.

Reason In pursuance of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following schedule of approved plans:

Application Form - dated 17 July 2025;
Planning, Design and Access Statement by Potter Raper - dated 19 May 2025;
Supplementary Information - Office Use Confirmation from Applicant - dated 03 November 2025;
Supplementary Information - Fire Statement Form - dated 14 May 2025;
Supplementary Information - Satellite Site Image;
Supplementary Information - Fire Statement Details;
Un-numbered Location Plan - Site Location Plan (scale - 1:1250);
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL001 - Rev. P1 - Proposed Site Plan;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL101 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed Ground Floor Plans;

Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL102 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed Roof Plans;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL103 - Rev. P1 - Proposed Ground Floor Fire Strategy Plan;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL201 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed North Elevations;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL202 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed West Elevations;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL203 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed East Elevations;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL204 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed Elevations;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL301 - Rev. P1 - Existing & Proposed Section A A;
Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL401 - Rev. P1 - Proposed Window & Door Schedules.

Reason For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. The materials used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall be in accordance with the details shown on Application Form and Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL101 - Rev. P1.

Reason To ensure a satisfactory visual relationship between the existing and the new development in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

4. Prior to above ground works commencing, details of all external lighting shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; the development thereafter shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason To ensure a satisfactory visually attractive development which safeguards amenity of, and to create a safe environment for future occupiers in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

5. Prior to first use of the development hereby approved, details of the external seating and benches shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; the development thereafter shall be completed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason To ensure that the development is accessible and provides good quality amenity for all users in accordance with Policy CS19 of Gravesham's Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

6. Prior to the first use of the 'Office Area' as shown on 'Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL101 - Rev. P1' a comprehensive management plan for the use shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, the management plan should demonstrate the hours of operation, maximum number of staff, types of meetings and parking plans for staff. The operation of the Office Area shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details.

Reason To protect residential amenities of occupiers of properties in the building in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

7. The use of the Office space for emergency situations shall only be utilised for a temporary period of no longer than 3 months, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason To protect residential amenities of occupiers of properties in the building in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

8. Any resident meetings taking place within the 'Office Area' as shown on 'Drawing no. 11700-PR-ZZ-CH-DR-A-PL101 - Rev. P1', shall not take place beyond 9pm.

Reason To protect residential amenities of occupiers of properties in the building in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 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 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024, 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.

2 DEVIATION FROM APPROVED PLANS

It is possible that any proposed deviation from the approved plans could be classed as a 'material' change requiring a further application/permission. In the event that any change is proposed, applicants are advised to seek advice from the Local Planning Authority [as proceeding without the necessary permissions could nullify this permission].

3 BUILDING REGULATIONS AND PARTY WALL ACT

This decision DOES NOT imply any consent which may be required under the Building Regulations or under any other enactment or provision. Nor does it override any private rights which any person may have relating to the land affected by this decision, including the provisions of the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

4 WORKS OF CONSTRUCTION

Hours of work of construction site plant, equipment and machinery, should be restricted to not earlier than 7.00 a.m. and not later than 6.00 p.m. weekdays and Saturday working should be restricted to not earlier than 8.00a.m. and not later than 1.00 p.m. No work shall be carried out on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

i. Suitable sound attenuation shall be used at all times in respect of all plant, machinery and equipment in operation on site in order to aid prevention of noise nuisance. Compliance with BS 5228: Part 1: 1984 and subsequent amendments regarding the use of equipment on site will be required in appropriate cases.

ii. A suitable method of control shall be used in order to aid prevention of dust nuisance arising from work activities on site.

iii. Burning of waste materials shall not be carried out on site. Such materials are to be stored in a suitable receptacle, as far from residential accommodation as reasonably practicable, pending disposal off site.

iv. Adequate arrangements shall be made to remove all waste material from the site on a regular basis and to dispose of it at a suitably licensed waste disposal site.

Dated: 13 November 2025

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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.