

Application: 20250877

**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: **Mr and Mrs G. Laker
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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:

**71 Imperial Drive
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 4LR**

and being **Erection of a first floor front and side extension, ground floor rear extension, and associated internal and external works.** Your application dated 3rd September 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 30/08/2025;
Supplementary Information - Existing Site Photos;
Supplementary Information - Cover Letter;
Drawing Number 1000 (OS Plan);
Drawing Number 1001 (Block Plan - Existing);
Drawing Number 1120 (Section AA - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1130 (North Elevation - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1010 (Ground Floor Plan - Existing);
Drawing Number 1131 (South Elevation - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1011 (First Floor Plan - Existing);
Drawing Number 1132 (East Elevation - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1013 (Roof Plan - Existing);
Drawing Number 1133 (West Elevation - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1020 (Section AA - Existing);

Drawing Number 1021 (Section BB - Existing);
Drawing Number 1121 (Section BB - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1113 (Roof Plan - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1031 (South Elevation - Existing);
Drawing Number 1032 (East Elevation - Existing);
Drawing Number 1033 (West Elevation - Existing);
Drawing Number 1030 (North Elevation - Existing);
Drawing Number 1111 (First Floor Plan - Proposed);
Drawing Number 1110 (Ground Floor Plan - Proposed); and
Drawing Number 1101 (Block Plan - Proposed).

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

3. Notwithstanding the details included on the application form and approved plans the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing dwelling.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3, and Part 1 Classes A and G of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015, as amended, or any provision equivalent to those Classes in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order, with or without modification, no window, door or other form of opening shall be formed in the flank elevation of the extension hereby permitted.

Reason: In order to safeguard the amenity and privacy of the occupants of the neighbouring properties in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

5. Prior to the hardstanding coming into use for two vehicles, the applicant must provide a vehicle crossover to the full width of the hardstanding to the requirements of Kent County Council Highways and Transportation.

Reason: In order to adhere to the requirements of KCC Highways and Transportation.

INFORMATIVES:-

1 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.

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 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.

5 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, before the development hereby approved is commenced, that all necessary highway approvals and consents where required are obtained and that the limits of highway boundary are clearly established in order to avoid any enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority.

Across the county there are pieces of land next to private homes and gardens that do not look like roads or pavements but are actually part of the road. This is called 'highway land'. Some of this land is owned by The Kent County Council (KCC) whilst some are owned by third party owners. Irrespective of the ownership, this land may have 'highway rights' over the topsoil.

Information about how to clarify the highway boundary can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/highway-land/highway-boundary-enquiries>

The applicant must also ensure that the details shown on the approved plans agree in every aspect with those approved under such legislation and common law. It is therefore important for the applicant to contact KCC Highways and Transportation to progress this aspect of the works prior to commencement on site.

Dated: 22 October 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.

