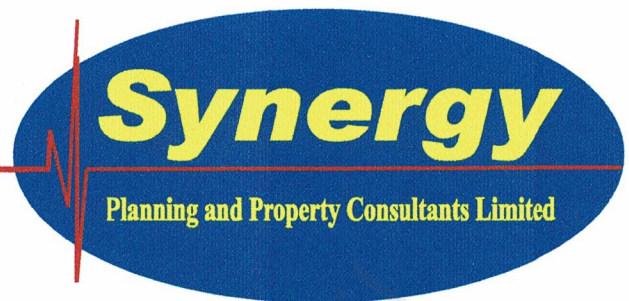


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Planning Services
Gravesham Borough Council
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Dear Sirs

**Re: The Orchards, School Lane, Higham, Nr Rochester, Kent
Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing).**

The above property was altered and extended in 2009/2010 with the works including:

Front ground floor entrance porch, cloakroom to the right side of the entrance hall, kitchen extended at the rear infilling an area that was a conservatory, conversion of the existing garages on the left side to create a larger kitchen, a utility room off the kitchen which was also extended and a bathroom and bedroom used as an annex. An extension on the south side of the house creating living rooms that attached the original house to the covered swimming pool and gym complex. A kitchen to the south side adjoining the extended living area with lightweight roof cover over a BBQ area and also a garage/store room on the south side and in front of the house. There is a first floor rear sitting out area.

To the east of the pool complex is a detached single storey store room.

To the north and east of the house there is a garage and maid accommodation in a further detached single storey building.

Also built at the same time is a covered parking area and driveways, paths and garden walls.

Below are photographs of the various extensions.

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Single storey store to the rear of the pool room.



Single storey garage and maids' accommodation.



Covered car garage with converted original garages to the right with original garage doors retained.



Front of the house showing enlarged porch.



West elevation showing side extension between the original house and pool room.



Southern elevation which shows the porch extension on the left side of the photograph, the side extension on the right side.



Rear elevation.



Rear elevation formerly the garages and now part an annex and part kitchen



Pool room.

We submit with this application a series of Google Earth aerial photographs taken since 2011 which show that before this photograph was taken the alterations listed had been built and works completed.

We also submit two signed affidavits, one by the owner of the house, Mrs Mattu and the other by Mr R Dhell, a friend of the family and also a Project Manager for the family on other properties owned by the family. Attached to Mr Dhell's Affidavit are emails provided by persons who worked on the alterations including the original architect and various building contractors involved in the building of the extensions and new buildings with the works having started in early 2009 and being substantially completed by the end of 2010.

We attach some invoices for materials or services relating to the building works. The pool room was built at the same time as the other works. In 2011 works were being finalised with a painter and decorators' invoice for final decorations to the section of the former garage which became the annex bedroom.

The house is lived in by the Mattu extended family members and all the buildings and extension are used privately by the family.

Yours faithfully



Jonathan Bolton