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Our Ref:

Application - GB/20221328

Location - Bowling Green , Church Walk, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2QU

Proposal - Demolition of existing bowls pavilion and erection of a 4- storey building to provide a 62-unit Use Class C2 retirement living complex, with a new access from Ellerslie, a new emergency access off Ellerslie, parking, landscaping and associated works.

Thank you for your consultation in relation to the above planning application. I have the following comments to make with respect to highway matters :-

Further to my previous response on 30th January 2023, I note that a revised Transport Statement dated March 2023 has been submitted which addresses my previous concerns.

In terms of the car parking provision, I accept that whilst the 32 spaces proposed exceed the maximum Kent Parking Standards, this is a variation of a C2 Residential Institution use since it is an "Extra Care" Home which may attract additional car ownership than the usual car home. Evidence is provided from other similar developments that demonstrates that the proposed 32 spaces is reasonable and not excessive. I therefore withdraw my objection on excessive parking grounds.

Secondly, in the revised TS it would appear that the proposal to increase the radius of the kerb line at the junction of Ellerslie with Milton Road has now been removed. A speed survey of existing traffic at the proposed junction point indicating 20mph in both directions shows that there is not a speed issue in Ellerslie at this location. Again I withdraw my objection on those grounds.

In conclusion I now raise no objection to this application provided the following issues are covered by Conditions or Developer Obligations:

- 1 Provision and maintenance of the visibility splays shown on the submitted plans with no obstructions over 1.05 metres above carriageway level within the splays, prior to the use of the site commencing.
- 2 Provision and permanent retention of the vehicle parking spaces, including retention of the ambulance space, shown on the submitted plans prior to the use of the site commencing.
- 3 Provision and permanent retention of secure, covered cycle parking facilities prior to the use of the site commencing in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved by the Local

Planning Authority.

4 A minimum of 10% of the parking spaces shall be provided with active EV charging points and a further 10% provided with passive (ducting / cabling only) provision.

5 Submission of a Construction Management Plan before the commencement of any development on site to include the following:

- (a) Routing of construction and delivery vehicles to / from site
- (b) Parking and turning areas for construction and delivery vehicles and site personnel
- (c) Timing of deliveries
- (d) Provision of wheel washing facilities
- (e) Temporary traffic management / signage

Informative: It is important to note that planning permission does not convey any approval to carry out works on or affecting the public highway.

Any changes to or affecting the public highway in Kent require the formal agreement of the Highway Authority, Kent County Council (KCC), and it should not be assumed that this will be given because planning permission has been granted. For this reason, anyone considering works which may affect the public highway, including any highway-owned street furniture, is advised to engage with KCC Highways and Transportation at an early stage in the design process.

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 public highway. Some of this highway land is owned by Kent County Council whilst some is owned by third party owners. Irrespective of the ownership, this land may have highway rights over the topsoil.

Works on private land may also affect the public highway. These include works to cellars, to retaining walls which support the highway or land above the highway, and to balconies, signs or other structures which project over the highway. Such works also require the approval of the Highway Authority.

Kent County Council has now introduced a formal technical approval process for new or altered highway assets, with the aim of improving future maintainability. This process applies to all development works affecting the public highway other than applications for vehicle crossings, which are covered by a separate approval process.

Should the development be approved by the Planning Authority, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, before the development is commenced, that all necessary highway approvals and consents have been obtained and that the limits of the highway boundary have

been clearly established, since failure to do so may result in enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority. The applicant must also ensure that the details shown on the approved plans agree in every aspect with those approved under the relevant 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.

Guidance for applicants, including information about how to clarify the highway boundary and links to application forms for vehicular crossings and other highway matters, may be found on Kent County Council's website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/highways-permissions-and-technical-guidance>. Alternatively, KCC Highways and Transportation may be contacted by telephone: 03000 418181

Yours Faithfully

Director of Highways & Transportation

*This is a statutory technical response on behalf of KCC as Highway Authority. If you wish to make representations in relation to highways matters associated with the planning application under consideration, please make these directly to the Planning Authority.