

Application: 20230164
KCC Reference: GR/21/0823/RVAR

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING GENERAL REGULATIONS 1992

OBJECTION TO GRANT OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND

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TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **AN OBJECTION** for development of land situate

at **Gravesend Grammar School For Boys**
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and being **KCC Consultation - Details of the temporary teaching accommodation (Condition 3), details of a School Travel Plan (Condition 21) and details of a Verification Report pertaining to the surface water drainage system (Condition 22) pursuant to planning permission GR/21/0823.**

Referred to in your application dated 22 February 2023

and the grounds for that objection are:-

Thank you for consulting Gravesham Borough Council regarding KCC planning application reference GR/21/0823. The Borough Council have the following comments on the submitted details:

Condition 3 - Removal of Temporary Teaching Accommodation

In relation to Condition 3, it has been confirmed in writing and photographs that the temporary teaching building has been removed from the site and therefore sufficient details have been submitted to satisfy Condition 3 of GR/21/0823 and The Borough Council raises no objection to the discharge of Condition 3.

Condition 21 - Details of a School Travel Plan

Condition 21 the submitted Travel Plan appears to have an emphasis on travel to and from the school by car and the problems this creates on the surrounding streets, rather than positive measures the school should be promoting to encourage car free travel.

The Travel Plan states the existing cycle parking facility is near capacity but makes no reference to increasing its size, or ensuring there is adequate storage for wet weather gear etc.

The School is also close to St John's Roman Catholic School and a combined approach may achieve benefits that may not be possible with each school operating independently.

Sixth formers should be actively discouraged from driving to school, this sets a bad example for younger students and creates on street parking issues. If it must occur, then car sharing should be encouraged. (the same applies to staff). The school should consider approaching KCC Highways with a view to having a one hour waiting restriction imposed on surrounding streets to deter all day parking and so preventing sixth formers from parking on street near the school.

Demand for dedicated school buses should be surveyed annually including students that will be joining the school in September for the first time and suitable contracts entered into to provide an adequate service with appropriately sized vehicles. This should include St John's school to ensure economies of scale.

School should arrange cycle proficiency to encourage cycling and work with KCC Highways to identify popular routes to school that could possibly be improved. Again, working with St John's school may reap benefits, particularly if cycle parking can be shared between the schools to avoid the need to cycle along some parts of the highway network.

With regards to the Transport Statement this appears to primarily be a matter of fact and does not require comment.

Therefore whilst there has been an updated travel plan submitted, it is not considered to encourage sustainable transport options, but instead relies on travel to and from school by car. As such, The Borough Council considers that the submitted Travel Plan is inadequate and not sufficient to Discharge Condition 21 of GR/21/0823.

Condition 22 - Drainage

The document supplied does not demonstrate that the flood risk is managed, nor does it provide the as built drawings requested or the maintenance manual.

The Borough Council therefore considers this to be insufficient to Discharge Condition 22 of GR/21/0823.

The Borough Council raises no objection to the details provided to discharge Condition 3 attached to planning application GR/21/0823 (GBC Ref. 20210823), however The Borough Council consider that there has been inadequate and insufficient details and information submitted to satisfy the requirements of Conditions 21 and 22 attached to planning application GR/21/0823 (GBC Ref. 20210823), and therefore raise objections to this application.

Conclusion

Gravesham Borough Council consider that the submitted details in respect of Conditions 21 and 22 attached to planning application GR/21/0823 (GBC Ref. 20210823), are insufficient to discharge the conditions and therefore raise objections to this application.

Dated this 28th day of March 2023

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