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**Proposed Replacement Car Park Gate at the rear of 51-54 Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BD:
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HERITAGE STATEMENT

51-54 Windmill Street is a Grade II Listed office building located in the Upper Windmill Street Conservation Area of Gravesend. Access to the car park at the rear is via North Street, which is also used as the access to the adjoining Parrock Street open air car park.

The Council's Conservation Area Appraisal describes the property as one of a group of listed buildings as follows: -

Four groups of listed buildings comprising nos. 38-50, nos. 51-54, nos. 55-59. and nos. 68-69 Windmill Street are of mid-19th century date and built from yellow stock brick giving them a cohesive appearance. The terraces are of three and four storeys, some raised over a basement. Most of them are set back from the pavement behind front garden areas, except Nos. 38-43 where the historic boundaries were removed in order to create hardstanding areas an access to the shops. Stucco is used across some of the ground floor levels and to create architectural detailing, such as the rusticated window surrounds at nos. 51-54, imitating alternating large and small blocks of stone.

The appraisal goes on to state: -

The east side of Windmill Street, between Lord Street and South Street contains a number of buildings which remain intact to the original residential form, without shopfronts inserted at ground floor level. These buildings are in a mixture of office and residential use. The majority of these buildings are grade II listed: nos. 38-50 (St George's Terrace); nos. 51-54; and nos. 55-59. They date from the mid-19th century and are characteristically of yellow stock brick, of three storeys and with a stuccoed ground floor. The character of the streetscape alters as many more of the buildings retain, or have had their area walls and railings reintroduced, for example at nos. 51-54 as part of a grant under a Historic Environment Regeneration Scheme.

The listing description reads: -

A mid C19 terrace. 3 storeys stock brick, the ground floor stuccoed with long and short quoins and Gibbs surrounds to the windows and doorcases of Nos 51 and 52. Hipped slate roofs with paired bracket cornices. 2 sashes each with glazing bars intact. Stringcourse between ground and 1st floor. Round-headed sash windows and round-headed doorcases.

The proposal is to replace the existing painted gates in the boundary wall facing North Street with an electronically operated sliding gate, identical in appearance to the existing gates but 900mm wider.

Both the existing gates and the boundary wall are of modern construction and they are directly opposite the rear office wing dating from the 1960s.

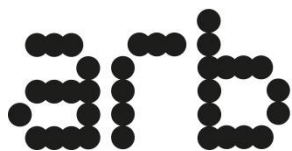
The principle of granting planning permission and listed building consent for the proposal has already been established by planning and listed building consent references 20101070, 20101077, 20140235 and 20140236.

The proposal will not cause harm to the setting of the listed building and the conservation area.

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