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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	40
Suffix	
Property Name	
Address Line 1	Hillingdon Road
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Kent
Town/city	Gravesend
Postcode	DA11 7LG

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
564591	172628

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please give a full description of the scale and nature of the proposed use, including the processes to be carried out, any machinery to be installed and the hours the proposed use will be carried out

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to request authorisation for a dropped kerb at my residence, 40 Hillingdon Road. This request is urgent as it significantly affects the wellbeing of my family, particularly my disabled father and ailing mother, for whom I am the primary caregiver.

The space in front of our house can accommodate two vehicles and is clear, making it ideal for creating a dropped kerb that would provide direct access to our driveway. My father's severe mobility issues make it challenging for him to walk long distances. Without a dedicated parking space in the driveway, street parking often forces us to park far from the house, causing him significant distress and discomfort.

Many houses on our street already have dropped kerbs, establishing this as a community standard. Authorising this request aligns with the existing infrastructure and supports the pressing health needs of my parents. Moreover, the installation would not disrupt the street's appearance or functionality but would significantly enhance our ability to provide care and improve their quality of life.

I urge you to consider the importance of this request. The health and safety of my parents depend on the ability to park close to our home. The installation of a dropped kerb is a simple yet impactful measure that can alleviate our challenges and provide much-needed support.

I have had to rent out the property as my father was unable to move in with me due to his health conditions. I would be very grateful if my application for a dropped kerb could be considered, so that I can begin living in the property myself and caring for him here at my home.

If Yes, please fully describe the existing or the last known use, with the date when this use ceased

Has the proposal been started?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Grounds for Application

Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

The land at 40 Hillingdon Road is a lawful residential property with a front garden/driveway area under my ownership. There are no unauthorised structures or changes to the land, and it has been used solely for residential purposes. The area in front of the house is clear and suitable for vehicle access and parking.

This proposal is simply to create a dropped kerb to provide lawful access from the public highway to the existing driveway. Many neighbouring properties on Hillingdon Road already have approved dropped kerbs, so this application is consistent with the established character and use of the street. The works will fully comply with the local authority's standards and will not alter the lawful use of the property.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

Site Plan
Block Plan
Sketch drawing
Photo Evidence too

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

Other

Other (please specify)

Dropped erb

Information about the proposed use(s)

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

Change of use

Is the proposed operation or use

- ☒ Permanent
☐ Temporary

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

I believe a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted because the proposal meets all the relevant planning and highway criteria for a dropped kerb. The property at 40 Hillingdon Road is a lawful residential dwelling with a clear and suitable driveway space under my ownership. The proposed dropped kerb would simply enable safe, direct vehicle access to the existing driveway, without changing the lawful residential use of the land.

The works will be carried out in full compliance with local authority specifications, using approved materials and methods, and will not negatively impact highway safety or the character of the street. Many neighbouring properties on Hillingdon Road already have dropped kerbs, so this proposal is in keeping with the established appearance and use of the area.

In addition, the dropped kerb will improve accessibility for my disabled father and ailing mother, ensuring they can safely access the property and receive the care they need. For these reasons, I believe this proposal fully qualifies for a Lawful Development Certificate.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

***** REDACTED *****

First Name

Surname

***** REDACTED *****

Reference

planning.validation@gravesham.gov.uk

Date (must be pre-application submission)

11/09/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

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Thank you for your email, the OS Plan would need to be at a scale of 1:1250 and the block plan would be to a scale of 1:500. The block plan can also include measurements of the proposed dropped kerb"

"Hi Gurj,

Thank you for your email, the plans look good, however they would need to show a measurable scale bar. Once that is added the plans would be acceptable."

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☒ Owner
- ☐ Lessee
- ☐ Occupier
- ☐ Other

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Gurjeet Singh

Date

24/09/2025