



Application: 20220839

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)**

NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND

To: **Dwight Breley Design Ltd
C/O Mr John Breley, Breley Design Ltd
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Southend-on-Sea
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TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **REFUSED TO PERMIT** development of land situate at:

**Cobham Lodge
Valley Drive
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 5UE**

and being **Conversion of existing house to 10no. flats including side and rear extension and loft conversion. Conversion of rear annex building to 2no. dwelling houses including proposed new dormers. Construction of new apartment building to form 11no. new apartments. Construction of 8no. semi-detached and 1no. detached houses and associated development.**

Your application dated 8th September 2022 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The layout of the proposed dwellings and height of Building D (11-unit apartment block situated to the north of the site) would be out of keeping with the character of the local built environment and result in overdevelopment of the site, contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative way and, where appropriate, has worked pro-actively with the applicant to secure a development that is sustainable and that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area, and that is in accordance with the Development Plan for the area.

In this instance the proposal was deemed to be contrary to Local and National Planning Policy and cannot be supported.

2 DECISION PLANS

For the avoidance of doubt, the forms, plans and documents upon which this decision is made comprise:

Planning Application Form;
Drawing No. 1458-01 Rev B - Location Plan;
Drawing No. 1458-02 Rev R - Existing and Proposed Block Plan;
Drawing No. 1458-03 Rev B - Existing Floor Layouts and Elevations;
Drawing No. 1458-04 Rev B - Existing Floor Layouts and Elevations Rear Building;
Drawing No. 1458-05 Rev F - Proposed Floor Layouts and Elevations;
Drawing No. 1458-06 Rev F - Proposed Floor Layouts and Elevations Rear Building;
Drawing No. 1458-07 Rev D - Proposed Floor Layouts and Elevations 3 bed semi houses;
Drawing No. 1458-08 Rev K - New Flats Proposed Ground Floor, 1st & 2nd Floor;
Drawing No. 1458-09 Rev F - New Flats Proposed Third Floor, Roof & Sections;
Drawing No. 1458-10 Rev G - New Flats Proposed Elevations;
Drawing No. 1458-11 Rev D - Existing and Proposed Section A-A and B-B
Drawing No. 1458-12 - Proposed Floor Layouts and Elevations 4 bed detached house;
Drawing No. 1458-13 - Proposed Floor Layouts and Elevations 4 bed semi houses;
Drawing No. 1458-14 Rev B - Proposed Park Amenity Area;
Drawing No. 1458-15 Rev A - Proposed Play Park Area;
Drawing No. 1458-16 Rev A - Proposed Visibility Splay;
Phase 2 Planning, Design & Access Statement;
Transport Statement;
Affordable Housing Statement;
Phase 1 Environmental Report;
Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain Report; and
Surface Water Management Strategy (November 2022).

Dated: 25 November 2022

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Windmill Street
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NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANT

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If this is a **householder application*** which has been refused and you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks of the date of this notice**.
- For all other applications, refused or permitted, if you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which

excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.
- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

***Householder applications**

These are:

- (a) applications for planning permission for development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, or
- (b) an application for any consent, agreement or approval required by or under a planning permission, development order or local development order in relation to such development

but does **not** include –

- (i) an application for change of use;
- (ii) an application to change the number of dwellings in a building.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he/she render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.