

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 03/08/2025 3:11 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	1 Cedar Close Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0ED
Proposal:	Erection of a single storey side extension and conversion of garage to create 1 no. annexe ancillary to existing dwelling with 4 roof lights.
Case Officer:	Mrs Katherine Parkin

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Cirencester

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	On behalf of the National Annexe Planning Consultancy (NAPC), I am writing to express our support for planning application reference 20250712, which proposes the erection of a single storey side extension and conversion of the garage to create one annexe ancillary to the existing dwelling at 1 Cedar Close, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent DA13 0ED. NAPC recognises the significant value that ancillary accommodation brings to communities, enabling flexible living arrangements and supporting multigenerational households. The proposed annexe, being ancillary to the main residence, aligns with national best practice by making efficient use of existing residential land and providing a sustainable response to housing and care needs. Our national expertise demonstrates that such developments, when sensitively designed and appropriately conditioned, do not lead to harmful impacts on local character or amenity. We note that the proposal maintains the ancillary relationship to the host dwelling and is unlikely to result in a separate planning unit. However, we encourage careful consideration of the layout, access, and scale to ensure the annexe remains subordinate and integrated with the main house. The inclusion of four roof lights appears modest and in keeping with a single storey form, but we would advise the applicant to ensure that the annexe cannot be easily separated or sold off independently in the future. Should the applicant wish to discuss policy compliance or require guidance on long-term management of ancillary accommodation, we warmly invite them to contact NAPC for expert advice and support: https://napc.uk/annexe-support/. Our experience can help secure both planning compliance and peace of mind for all parties. Finally, we encourage Gravesham Borough Council to consider the adoption of supportive annexe policies in future local plan reviews, drawing on positive examples from Ireland and California where ancillary accommodation is helping to relieve housing pressures and support family cohesion. NAPC remains
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committed to working constructively with applicants and local authorities to deliver high quality, sustainable ancillary accommodation.

Kind regards