



Application: 20250076

**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
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To: **Mr M Rossi
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Gravesend,
Kent
DA11 0NP**

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:

**Northfield House
Wrotham Road
Meopham
Gravesend
Kent
DA13 0AQ**

and being **Demolition of garage and erection of a self-build 3 bed dwelling in rear garden of Northfield House.**

Your application dated 12th February 2025 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The proposal would result in a cramped form of development out of keeping with the character of the area. The plot and garden size of the proposed development would be significantly smaller than that of existing dwellings within this locality. The proposal would therefore be harmful to the character and appearance of the site and the wider locality contrary to Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024), Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and Design for Gravesham (2024).
2. The proposal would result in a detrimental impact on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers due to noise and disturbance from vehicle movements and associated activity associated with the proposed parking and turning facilities within a backland location and in proximity to private garden areas. The use of the proposed access road to enter and exit this parking and turning area would also adversely impact the enjoyment of the rear garden areas adjacent to this access road due to noise and disturbance from vehicle movements. The development would therefore fail to meet the tests set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) and Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).
3. The applicant has failed to provide any ecological evidence to inform a habitat regulations assessment to address the impact of the proposed development on the Thames Estuary and Marshes Ramsar site and Special Protection Area (SPA) or offered a financial contribution towards the identified mitigation measures to address the impact

of the development on the SPA/Ramsar site. The proposal is therefore contrary to the requirements of the Habitat Regulations, Section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024) and Policy CS12 of Gravesham's Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-TAKING

In accordance with Article 35(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015 and paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and proactive manner and, where appropriate, has worked 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 application is contrary to local and national policy.

2 DECISION PLANS

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

- o Planning application forms.
- o Design and Access Statement (January 2025).
- o Custom and Self Build Delivery Statement.
- o Drawing no. D-01 - Site Location Plan.
- o Drawing no. D-02 Rev A - Existing Block Plan.
- o Drawing no. D-05 Rev A - 20240296 Approved Floor Plans and Elevations For New Dwelling.
- o Drawing no. D-07 - Northfield House Floor Plans.
- o Drawing no. D-08 - Northfield House Elevations.
- o Drawing no. D-09 Rev A - Street Elevation As Proposed.
- o Drawing no. D-10 Rev B - Proposed Block Plan.
- o Drawing no. D-11 - Plans, Sections & Elevations As Proposed.

Dated: 8 April 2025

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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.

- **For further information regarding Appeals and to make an application please click the relevant link:**
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision>
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>
- 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.