



Application: 20241151

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: SECTION 192 TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS
AMENDED)**

To: **Mr Hugh Johnson**
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CERTIFICATE OF PROPOSED LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT

GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL hereby certify that on 19th December 2024 the use, operation or matter described in the First Schedule hereto in respect of the land specified in the Second Schedule hereto and edged red on the plan attached to this certificate, **WOULD HAVE BEEN LAWFUL** within the meaning of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for the following reason(s):-

The proposed development complies with Schedule 2, Part 1, Class F and Schedule 2, Part 2, Class B of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and as such, planning permission would not be required and the lawful development certificate can be **granted**.

First Schedule

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the formation of a parking area in front garden.

Second Schedule

402 Wrotham Road
Gravesend
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INFORMATIVES:-

1 DECISION PLANS

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

Application form for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development;
Sheet 1 Site location plan;
Sheet 2 Proposed block plan;
Sheet 3 Proposed layout;
Sheet 4 Photographs;
Sheet 5 Details of the proposal; and
Email from the applicant received 17 January 2025.

2 KCC HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

The applicant should note that KCC Highways & Transportation have previously raised concerns regarding the proposed access to the application site. These are set out below and relate to application 20240779 (which has the same design). Therefore, whilst the proposed works to provide the parking area would be permitted development, the Highways Authority may not allow the formation of the proposed vehicle access. As such, it would be necessary for the applicant to contact KCC direct (using the details below) to discuss the access to the proposed parking area.

Previous comments:

The application proposes the formation of a parking area in the front garden of the property, a dropped kerb cannot be formed to directly access the parking due to the location of a tree on the footway.

It is proposed that access to the parking spaces will be via the neighbouring dropped kerbs. The Vehicle Crossing Guidance 2013 states that the parking space must be at a right angle to the highway with the vehicle able to enter and exit the property in one movement. There must be no adjusting movements of a vehicle made on the highway when entering or exiting the property.

A cycle route joins the footway directly in front of the proposed parking area and street furniture sits in front of the property, both of which will impact the movement on and off the property.

Consequently, I refer to the above planning application and I recommend that this application be refused on highway grounds for the following reason:-

The proposed parking area cannot be accessed in one movement and there is potential for conflict with other users of the highway and footway.

The applicant should note:

It is important to note that Local Planning Authority (LPA) permission does not convey any approval to carry out works on or affecting the public highway.

Any changes to or affecting the public highway in Kent require the formal agreement of the Highway Authority, Kent County Council (KCC), and it should not be assumed that this will be given because LPA planning permission has been granted.

For this reason, anyone considering works which may affect the public highway, including any highway-owned street furniture or landscape assets such as grass, shrubs and trees, is advised to engage with KCC Highways and Transportation at an early stage in the design process.

Across the county there are pieces of land next to private homes and gardens and near the highway that do not look like roads or pavements but are actually part of the public highway.

Some of this highway land is owned by Kent County Council whilst some is owned by third party owners. Irrespective of the ownership, this land may have 'highway rights' over the topsoil.

Works on private land may also affect the public highway. These include works to cellars, to retaining walls which support the highway or land above the highway, and to balconies, signs or other structures which project over the highway. Such works also require the approval of the Highway Authority.

Kent County Council has now introduced a pre-application advice service in addition to a full formal technical approval process for new or altered highway assets, with the aim of improving future maintainability. Further details are available on our website below:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/highways-permissions-and-technical-guidance>.

This process applies to all development works affecting the public highway other than applications for vehicle crossings, which are covered by a separate approval process. Further details on this are available on our website below:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/apply-for-a-dropped-kerb/dropped-kerb-contractor-information>

Once planning approval for any development has been granted by the LPA, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that before development commences, all necessary highway approvals and consents have been obtained, and that the limits of the highway boundary have been clearly established, since failure to do so may result in enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority.

The applicant must also ensure that the details shown on the approved plans agree in every aspect with those approved under the relevant legislation and common law. It is therefore important for the applicant to contact KCC Highways and Transportation to progress this aspect of the works prior to commencement on site.

Further guidance for applicants, including information about how to clarify the highway boundary and links to application forms for vehicular crossings and other highway matters, may be found on Kent County Council's website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/highways-permissions-and-technical-guidance>. Alternatively, KCC Highways and Transportation may be contacted by telephone: 03000 418181.

3 WORKS OF CONSTRUCTION

Hours of work of construction site plant, equipment and machinery, should be restricted to not earlier than 7.00 a.m. and not later than 6.00 p.m. weekdays and Saturday working should be restricted to not earlier than 8.00a.m. and not later than 1.00 p.m. No work shall be carried out on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

- i. Suitable sound attenuation shall be used at all times in respect of all plant, machinery and equipment in operation on site in order to aid prevention of noise nuisance. Compliance with BS 5228: Part 1: 1984 and subsequent amendments regarding the use of equipment on site will be required in appropriate cases.
- ii. A suitable method of control shall be used in order to aid prevention of dust nuisance arising from work activities on site.
- iii. Burning of waste materials shall not be carried out on site. Such materials are to be stored in a suitable receptacle, as far from residential accommodation as reasonably practicable, pending disposal off site.
- iv. Adequate arrangements shall be made to remove all waste material from the site on a regular basis and to dispose of it at a suitably licensed waste disposal site.

Dated: 11 February 2025

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NOTES

This certificate is issued solely for the purpose of Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

It certifies that the use, operation or matter specified in the First Schedule taking place on the land described in the Second Schedule would have been lawful, on the specified date and, thus, was would not have been liable to enforcement action under Section 172 of the 1990 Act on that date.

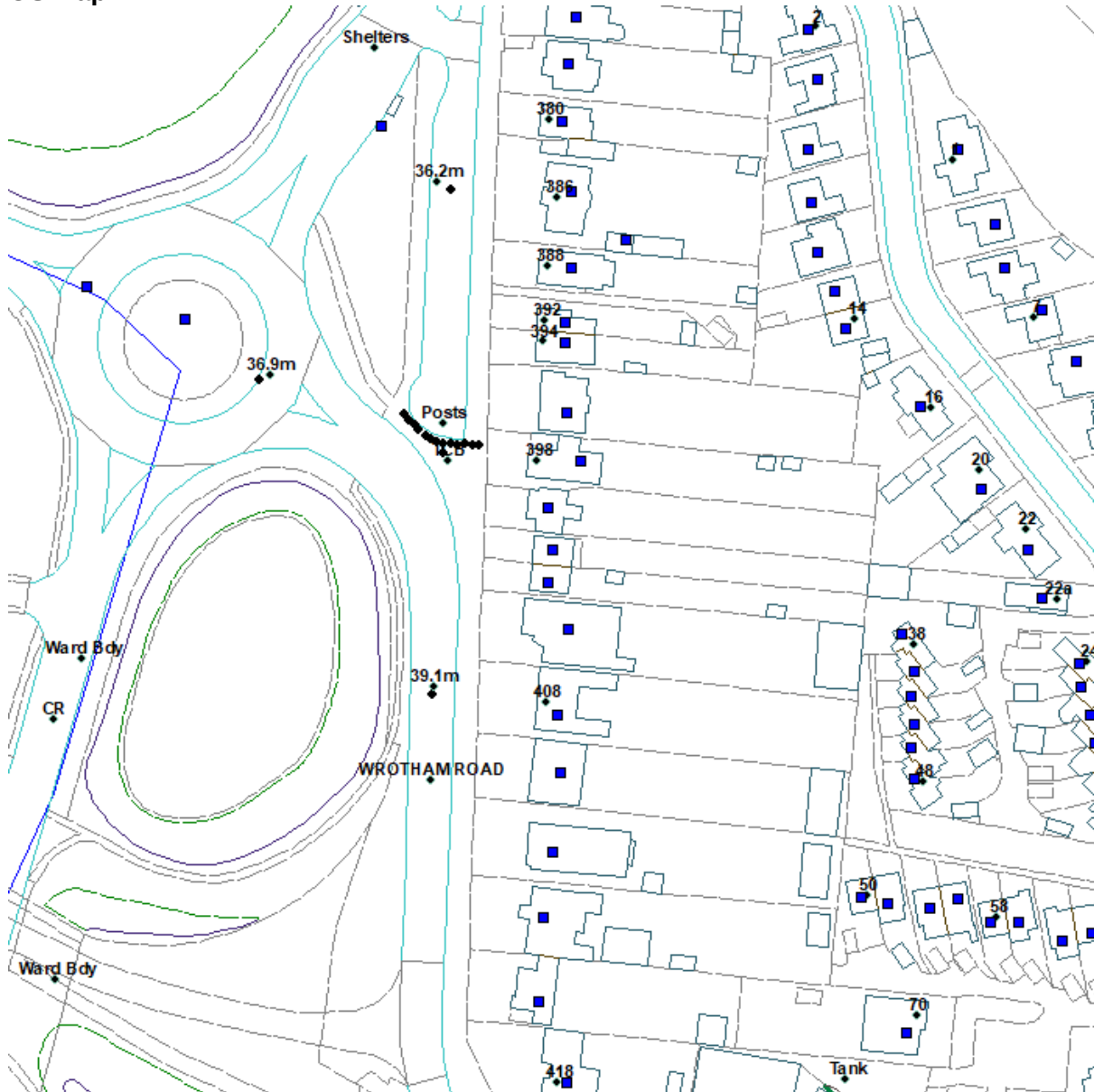
This certificate applies only to the use, operation or matter described in the First Schedule and identified on the attached plan. Any use, operation or matter which is materially different from that described or which relates to other land may render the owner or occupier liable to enforcement action.

The effect of the certificate is also qualified by the proviso in Section 192(4) of the 1990 Act, as amended, which states that the lawfulness of a described use, operation or matter is only conclusively presumed where there has been no material change, before the use is instituted or the operation begun, in any of the other matters relevant to determining such lawfulness.

Gravesham Borough Council

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