

HERITAGE STATEMENT

Property, 13 Darnley Street, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0PJ

Proposal, Single storey rear extension

Date, 2nd April 2026

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement has been prepared to support a planning application for works at the above property on 13 Darnley Street, Gravesend DA11 0PJ

The statement assesses the significance of the heritage asset and its setting, and evaluates the potential impact of the proposed development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

2. Site Location

Darnley Street lies within the historic core of Gravesend and forms part of the town's primary residential area. The street is characterised by:

- * Predominantly 18th and 19th-century terrace and single buildings
- * Strong historic townscape value
- * Converted factory into flats

The site is located within the Gravesend Town Centre Conservation Area, where development is expected to preserve or enhance the area's character and appearance.

3. Heritage Significance

3.1 The Building

The application property is not listed and is typical of the historic development along Darnley Street. Key features contributing to its significance may include:

- * Historic façade proportions and detailing around entrance door and windows
- * Traditional materials (e.g. brickwork)

3.2 The Setting

The surrounding streetscape contributes positively to the character of the conservation area through:

- * Cohesive building heights and plot widths

- * Historic street layout

The site plays a role in maintaining the historic residential identity of Gravesend town.

4. Proposed Development

The proposed works are to the rear of the property to form a ground floor shower room and utility area.

5. Impact Assessment

There is no change to the front street scene, the proposed development is to the rear.

5.1 Impact on the Building

- * Works are limited in scale and sympathetic in design

Overall, the impact is assessed as neutral.

5.2 Impact on the Conservation Area

- * The proposal maintains the established street character
- * No harm is caused to key views or townscape qualities

The development therefore preserves or enhances the character and appearance of the conservation area in line with statutory duties.

6. Planning Policy Context

This application has regard to:

- * National Planning Policy Framework (Sections 199–208: Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment)
- * Local Plan policies of Gravesham Borough Council relating to heritage conservation

The NPPF requires that great weight is given to the conservation of heritage assets. The proposal complies with this by avoiding harm and, where possible, enhancing significance.

7. Conclusion

The proposed development:

- * Respects the historic character of the building and surrounding area
- * Preserves and potentially enhances the significance of the heritage asset
- * Complies with national and local planning policy

It is therefore considered that planning permission should be granted.