

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 19/05/2025 6:51 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	49 Pelham Road Gravesend Kent DA11 0JA
Proposal:	Demolition of existing rear extensions. Removal of external steps. Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension with roof lights. Creation of patio to rear.
Case Officer:	Ms Rebecca Harrison

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Pelham Road Gravesend

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I am writing to formally object to the proposed two-storey extension at the above property, on the following grounds: 1. Impact of the Proposed Extension on Light, Privacy and the Character of the Area. Our main concern is the proposed two-storey rear extension, which would have a significant and detrimental impact on both natural light and privacy for neighbouring residents, particularly [REDACTED] The height, scale, and close proximity of the extension would severely block sunlight from reaching these properties and their gardens, especially in the late afternoon and evening, which is when many residents spend time outdoors. In addition, the structure would directly overlook living space, causing a substantial loss of privacy. The extension would allow clear views into [REDACTED] which is intrusive and distressing. Beyond our personal circumstances, the scale of the development is out of character with the rest of the area and disruptive to the existing residential balance. The surrounding properties, particularly those within this conservation setting, are modest in size and layout, and the introduction of such a large rear extension would stand out as overbearing and unsympathetic to the architectural style of the area. The proposal risks setting a precedent for excessive and inappropriate extensions, which could reduce the attractiveness of the neighbourhood. This may deter new families and residents from moving into the area, undermining the community feel and character that currently exists. Local people value the sense of space, light, and privacy, and this development runs counter to those values.
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2. Previous Works and Ongoing Site Neglect.

Additionally, we are deeply concerned about the state of the front garden, where construction work began before planning permission was granted.

This has included the removal of the adjoining wall pillar, which has yet to be rebuilt, leaving bare railings exposed. Heavy vehicles and machinery used during these early works have caused clear damage to the public footpath, leaving an uneven and potentially dangerous surface that has not been repaired.

The area has since been left untidy and neglected, with overturned rubbish bins and waste scattered around. The property now resembles a wasteland, and refuse collectors no longer collect from the area due to the mess, rightly so. This ongoing neglect is highly detrimental to the character of the conservation area, bringing down the quality and appearance of the neighbourhood along with individual wellbeing too.

Conclusion

We urge the planning authority to take into account the serious impact this development would have on local residents' privacy, light, and wellbeing, as well as the ongoing state of neglect at the property. We believe the proposed extension is inappropriate, invasive, and not in keeping with the standards expected in a conservation area.

Kind regards