

Application: 20250727

**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: **Atlas Truck And Plant Ltd
C/O Mr Roger Ward, Roger Ward Associates Limited
The Hoo Wrotham Road
Meopham
DA13 0HP**

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:

**Atlas Truck And Plant Ltd
Highview
Longfield Road
Longfield
Kent
DA3 7AP**

and being **Erection of part retrospective/proposed new south/east and south/west boundary fences and planting.**

Your application dated 13th August 2025 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed development is located within the Metropolitan Green Belt where development is considered inappropriate. The proposed boundary walls will harm the openness of the Green Belt and result in encroachment of built development into the countryside. In the absence of any very special circumstances to outweigh the degree of harm caused to the Green Belt and other identified harm the proposal is contrary to the requirements set out in Section 13 (paragraph 153 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024, and policies CS01 (Sustainable Development) and CS02 (Scale and Spatial Distribution of Development) of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).
2. The proposed development would have a severely harmful and detrimental impact on the open character of the local area and the landscape. In addition, the extent of wall/fence would be incongruous and would result in a harmful urbanising feature which would negatively impact the appearance of the site, the local vicinity and the landscape. As such the proposal is contrary to Policies CS19 and CS12 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (LPCS) (2014), and Sections 12 and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2024.)
3. The development would have a detrimental impact on neighbouring amenity and is considered to be an unneighbourly and overbearing form of development causing a sense of enclosure and impacting outlook, due to the design, siting and scale of the proposal. As such, the proposal fails to safeguard the amenity of surrounding properties contrary to Policy CS19 (LPCS) (2014) and Section 12 of the NPPF (2024).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 DECISION PLANS

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

Application Form;

Drawing No. 1925.WD.01 - Topographical Site Plan and Sections;

Drawing No. 1925.WD.02 - Site Location Plan and Block Plan;

Drawing No. 1925.WD.03 - Fence Front Elevations South West from Longfield Hill; and

Drawing No. 1925.WD.04 - Fence Elevations - Proposed.

2 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative manner. In this instance, the application is not in accordance with the Development Plan for the area and cannot be supported.

Dated: 8 October 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.