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Parking Space for one off for 21Hillingdon Road, Gravesend, DA11 7LQ

I am writing to express my concern regarding a local resident who has deliberately knocked down their front boundary wall and now appears to expect permission for a driveway to be granted. This action raises serious questions, especially as several other residents on our road have submitted formal applications for similar driveways, invested significant sums in professional plans, and have ultimately been refused by Gravesham Council. It seems unfair and inconsistent that someone might gain approval simply by bypassing the proper process.

If residents can receive approval simply by demolishing their walls without permission, does this mean that the same opportunity will be extended to others? Will every homeowner now be expected to knock down their wall in hopes of being granted a driveway? In my case, my wall is already deteriorating—if I remove it, will I also be granted permission for a driveway? This situation creates confusion and undermines confidence in the council's planning process, which until now has been clear and consistently enforced.

Furthermore, the council has previously rejected driveway applications on the grounds that they would negatively impact the image of the street and reduce already limited on-street parking. These reasons are valid and shared by many residents who wish to preserve the character and functionality of the road. Allowing one resident to proceed in this way could open the door for others to do the same, resulting in a piecemeal erosion of the area's appearance and exacerbating parking difficulties.

I respectfully ask that Gravesham Council carefully review this matter and uphold the planning principles that have been applied to all residents equally in the past. Any approval granted in this case should not come at the expense of fairness, consistency, or the long-term well-being of the neighbourhood. A clear and public explanation would help restore trust and ensure residents feel they are being treated justly.

Resident Hillingdon Road