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DEPOT BLAZE ROCKS TOWN

Blast heard as fire crews battled for eight hours to extinguish inferno

Dramatic photos show the extent of a large blaze that sent huge plumes of black smoke over Gravesend.

Numerous people reported hearing an explosion in the Gordon Promenade area on Friday night.

Six fire engines were sent to the DFDS Logistics depot in Canal Road and crews were there more than eight hours.

Crowds looked on as flames engulfed a lorry trailer and people living nearby were urged to keep doors and windows shut. The fire was out by 5am the following day.

A fire service spokesman said: "It's believed the fire was started deliberately after a pile of rubbish caught fire and spread to a lorry trailer."

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Aerial image of the blaze at DFDS Logistics in Canal Road, Gravesend

Pictures: Jason Arthur/Jamie Goddard

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LICENCE APPLICATIONS

LICENSING ACT 2003: Application for Premises Licence

Take notice that Shifting Ltd has made an application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 for a premises licence at Mad in Italy, 146 Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2RG.

The application is for: Sale by Retail of Alcohol, Live Music, Recorded Music and Late Night Refreshment.

This application has been made to Gravesend and Medway Shared Licensing Service, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Any person wishing to view details of an application may contact the Licensing Partnership. Full details of the application and plans can be viewed at Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU during normal hours of business.

Any interested party who wishes to make a representation about this application should do so in writing to Gravesend and Medway Shared Licensing Service, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU or by sending an email to licensing@gravesend.gov.uk, no later than 11 July 2023.

It is an offence, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application. Those who make a false statement may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of any amount.

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LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Matthew Street, trading as Nationwide Industrial Services Ltd of Hasted Road, Charlton, SE7 8AG is applying for a licence to use **Charlton Vale, Eglantine Lane, DA4 0LD**, as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles only.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLICITY FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RELATED MATTERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following applications made to the Borough Council which require statutory publicity. Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, the plans, and other documents submitted with them at the Civic Centre.

Members of the public may also view and comment on this application using Public Access on the Council's website. Log on to <http://plan.gravesham.gov.uk/online-applications/> and enter the application number and click on search.

DEVELOPMENT OR WORKS AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING

20230248 - 19A Perry Street, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 8RA - **REVISED DESCRIPTION & AMENDED PLANS**, Erection of first floor rear extension incorporating an external staircase to facilitate sub-division of first floor into 1 no. one bedroom flat and 1 no. one bedroom maisonette; erection of single storey infill rear extension to provide utility room and flat entrance; erection of detached two storey garage building with storage at first floor level

DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF A CONSERVATION AREA AND DEVELOPMENT OR WORKS AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING

20230584 - Parsonage Farm, The Barn, The Street, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3DG - Conversion of barn to provide 2 dwellings consisting of a three bed dwelling and a one bed dwelling
Anyone wishing to make representations about this application should do so by writing to me at Civic Centre by **14 July 2023** quoting the application number.

Wendy Lane (BSc Hons, MSc, MA, MRTPI), Assistant Director (Planning)
Civic Centre Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1AU

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DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY (ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

Phase 3 Stonepit 2 St James Lane Horns CrossGreenhithe
(Application Ref No: DA.22/01250/REM)

Reserved matters for phase 3 including 163 new homes, together with access, landscaping and play equipment (condition 5), open space, drainage, earthworks and associated infrastructure, Parking (condition 6), detailed design (condition 7) and energy (condition 17) pursuant to planning permission DA/19/01280/VCON - Development comprising or to provide development of up to 870 dwellings and in addition up to 1,200 sq metres of built floorspace (in total) for: business premises (B1(a) (b) and (c)); community and social facilities (D1 and D2) ; provision of a primary school site and supporting retail (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5). Such development to include; vehicle parking; laying out open space (including open space, parkland, play spaces, pond and water features); landscaping; works to create ecological and natural reserves and refuge areas; provision and/or upgrade of services and related service media and apparatus; drainage works; pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular ways; and miscellaneous ancillary and associated engineering and other operations.

Dartford Borough Council has issued a planning permission in respect of the above development. In accordance with the above regulations, the following documents are available for public inspection at the Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR:-

- The Delegated Report
- The planning decision notice

The Documents are also available on our website at www.dartford.gov.uk (Select Services then Planning).

The main reason and considerations upon which the decision was based are set out in the report. Measures to avoid adverse impacts are set out on the conditions attached to the planning permission.

DATED 22nd June 2023
PLANNING SERVICES

DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the receipt of the following applications

Erection of a single storey replacement vehicle service garage, installation of a flue to serve a vehicle spraying area and ancillary use for car sales (part retrospective)

at Lane End Garage Green Street Green Road Darenth
(Application Reference: DA/18/00704/FUL)

which could be a departure from the Adopted Development Plan.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application and accompanying documents at the Council offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford DA1 1DR during normal office hours and on our website at www.dartford.gov.uk (<https://publicaccess.dartford.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do>). Please see website for The Civic Centre opening times and to view any documents.

Any person who wishes to make representations concerning the applications should do so in writing within 25 days of the publication of this notice to the Development Manager using the Public Access system on our website.

Any representations you make must be made available to the applicant or any interested party. Representations will be available in hard copy at the Civic Centre.

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Boss 'curious' over Poleon

Dennis Kutrieb is "curious" to see how star striker Dominic Poleon fares in the National League.

The Ebbsfleet frontman, who bagged 36 goals last season, has extended his contract with the club.

There's no guarantee about the goals he can deliver, but Fleet boss Kutrieb is looking forward to seeing a confident Poleon step up another level.

"It will be very interesting," he said. "It's a completely new challenge and I'm very curious about how he is ready for this."

"It's all about him, he needs to make the right decisions and how he wants to approach the game and progress."

"You could see he was kind of unstoppable last season but there were still games where he could have done better."

"Everyone might be happy with 36 goals but him and me, we both know that there were more goals possible. We're not being unhappy or moaning about it, or being disrespectful, that's just the honest truth."

"I'm just curious how he approaches the next season, scores goals, makes assists and improves on and off the pitch. It's interesting that we can keep working together."

Poleon will miss the first game of the new season through suspension, while strike partner Rakish Bingham will be sidelined for much longer as he recovers from an Achilles injury.

Kutrieb won't be setting a timeframe for Bingham's return, and is happy to play the patient game.

"He is progressing well and is very happy with where he is at, at this moment," said Kutrieb.

"As I said already after the injury, I'm far away from putting any pressure on him and giving timeframes. He needs to make sure that he recovers and is happy."

"I wouldn't rush him even though everyone knows how much I like him as a player and how much I would like to have him in pre-season."

"This is something that obviously won't happen so I'm just relaxed and will give him the time that he needs."

N'GUESSAN JOINS LEAGUE 2 SIDE

WITH FLEET'S BLESSINGS

By Matthew Panting

Ebbsfleet boss Dennis Kutrieb wasn't surprised to see midfielder Christian N'Guessan move into the Football League.

The 24-year-old completed a move to League 2 Sutton last week after turning down a new deal at Stonebridge Road.

He's the only player to reject a new deal among the National League South title-winning squad, a decision Kutrieb was expecting.

"It's disappointing on one hand but on the other hand I'm looking forward for him," said the Fleet boss.

"He wanted to progress, he wanted to progress last year but it didn't work out for him so he decided to stay one more year with us. He was always open and honest, we always had honest chats, so for me it was not a surprise as he always wanted to get back to the League."

"A small part makes me proud as well to say that we produced a League player, it puts our club in the right light to say they can jump from us to a League club so that's something positive."

"Of course, we wanted to keep him for the next season but I was never in a position to say I was really counting on him. He came from nowhere and we made him into such a good player that he can go to a League club and he should play an important role."

"They have a plan with him, I can't imagine he would leave for just making the squad, I think they've told him that he's a massive part of their plans as a holding midfielder. I was aware that there was just a small chance he would stay. He played two good years with us and is now a League player."

With so many factors to take into account, Kutrieb didn't

want to say how far the talented N'Guessan could progress.

But he's expecting him to continue to develop his game.

"He's still a young player and he will improve year by year if you work with him," added Kutrieb.

"If you don't work with him then he won't improve, but we worked hard with him and he improved massively."

"If he had stayed with us one more year he would be even better because we could see his progress and he's not at the end of his progress. I would love to make him even better next year but he decided to take the chance in the League."

"I think there's still a lot of room to improve for him, and he knows it, but he is still young."

"He is a confidence player and he needs confidence but if he has that and is the main man playing every game then I wouldn't be concerned about him as a player as he gets better and better."

"He's not lazy, he won't think he's arrived somewhere, he wants to get better and that's an important thing."

The Fleet players return to pre-season training on Saturday with testing at the top of their agenda.

It's an important five weeks ahead as they prepare for National League football.

"The five weeks of pre-season are very important, it's not just one week," said Kutrieb.

"I'm not a fan of putting something in one day or one week, it's a timeframe, similar to when I say (judge us) after 10 games or at Christmas time."

"You've known me long enough, I'm not too bothered about one week or one game, I'm bothered about the big picture. To be competitive in the season we need to have a good five weeks."

"We start with testing so we



Midfielder Christian N'Guessan should thrive if League 2 Sutton proves the right place for his talents

Picture: Keith Gillard

can see if everyone has done their homework, that's the first part.

"Then we go pretty quick to get into the hard pre-season work on a daily basis to make

sure the most important things are working - our basic behaviour, what we want to achieve together as a goal, the main points we want to achieve in pre-season."

"We'll work on fitness levels to get as fit as we can because it's a very demanding league. I think apart from one or two teams everyone is full-time so we need to have really good levels."

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