



Planning Department
Gravesham Borough Council

Date: 30 May 2023

Our Ref: M23/0301.01

Your Ref:

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: CLARENDON HOTEL – CHANGE OF USE FROM HOTEL (C1) TO EXTRA CARE AND
RESPITE CARE (C2)
PLANNING PORTAL REF: PP-12197758**

I am writing on behalf of my clients, Age UK Medway, in connection with the above submission of an application relating to the change of use of the Clarendon Hotel.

This application relates solely to the change of use of the premises without any building alterations, either internally or externally. It is on that basis that the external areas associated with the premises, namely the garden/seating area and parking, are excluded as there is no change of use associated with them. Equally the ground floor of the building itself is excluded from the proposed change of use as there are no changes proposed to the operation of the facilities provided, which benefit from separate use class consents by virtue of the previous consents.

For the purposes of validation through the Planning Portal it has required the submission of at least a side elevation, albeit that no external works are proposed. Purely to progress through validation I have therefore provided a google Streetview image of the existing building labelled 'Existing elevation' so that the application can be transmitted for consideration. This 'plan' of course is not to scale and is not therefore to be treated as a document for consideration and can therefore be discarded for the purpose of validation. No external elevations are provided in support of the application given that there are no external works proposed.

Finally, the application is supported by a combined planning, design and heritage statement that addresses the purposes of a Design & Access Statement along with a Heritage Assessment. Given that the works only involve the re-labelling of rooms within the building without any building works there are no impacts to the listed building that need consideration within a heritage assessment. Similarly, although the premises are in close proximity to water and at risk of flooding the application relates only to the upper floors which are safe from flooding and therefore no Flood Risk Assessment is required.

I trust that the above is explanatory and you are therefore able to validate the application, should you require any further information or clarification though please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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