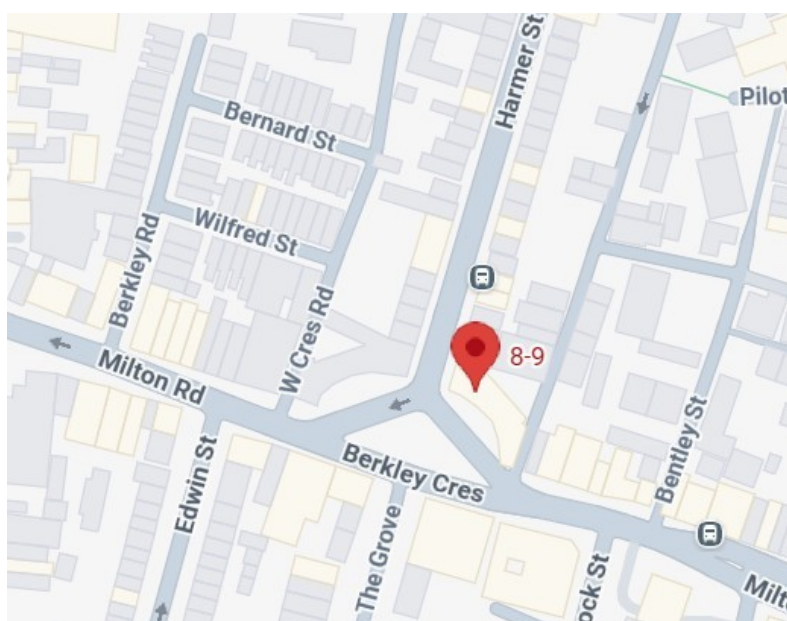


Design and Access Statement, & Heritage Statement

Change, Grow, Live

8-9 Berkley Crescent, Gravesend, DA12 2AH



Introduction to Change Grow Live

Change Grow Live (CGL) is a national Registered Charity. Our Gravesend service are funded by the local authority and provide services in the area to support individuals, families, and communities whose lives are adversely affected by crime, substance misuse, homelessness, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, social deprivation, and lack of opportunity. We work in partnership with the police, probation services and local authorities to deliver services most needed in local areas, providing frontline support and treatment services to vulnerable members of the community from our base at 8-9 Berkley Crescent.

Changes

We propose to make a number of internal alterations at the 26 St Georges Quay to better improve DDA access, CQC compliance, GDPR, safeguarding, general health & safety and the overall user experience for clients and staff.

In the following sections of this statement, you will find further reasoning as to why the requests for these alterations are warranted in order to improve the space and make accessible to a wider, more diverse section of the community.

Heritage Statement

8-9 Berkley Crescent in Gravesend is part of a grand crescent block [1-9, Berkley Crescent] designed by Brighton architect Amon Henry Wilds in 1830–1835. The location is widely known today as the site of the West Kent Drug & Alcohol Wellbeing Service operated by Change Grow Live (CGL), which provides free, confidential community-based support and rehabilitation. The wider Berkley Crescent is notable as a Grade II listed building. It forms the northern end of a formal north-south axis leading to Windmill Hill, and lies immediately next to the town's iconic Victorian Jubilee Clock Tower.

CGL have undertaken external works to erect a demountable wooden cabin in the yard to the rear of the property. There have been no alterations to the physical structure of any walls, paving or original features.

We can confirm that there has been zero impact to the original building characteristics and no alteration of any original features. Instead, the demountable wooden cabin enables us to provide an additional usable space without causing any lasting impact or compromising the aesthetic and structural integrity of the premises and its garden area.

When erecting the cabin, great care was taken by our contractors to preserve the existing finish and structure in the immediate area. The cabin itself is free standing without any foundations. It does not come into contact with any existing original features as the area of paving it is situated on does not form part of the original structure. The cabin is not connected to or supported by any structural or perimeter walls.

In summary, we feel that we have taken the sympathetic approach as to have minimum impact, whilst achieving an effective solution. We appreciate the challenges and nuances of carrying out alterations in the vicinity of original protected features and have gone to lengths to minimise this whilst still being able to achieve an outcome which satisfies the needs of our team. In addition to this, we have planned and proposed the installation in a way that all of the works could easily be reversed at a future date without there being any lasting impact on the area or any protected features.

Approach & Reasoning

1. Installation of demountable wooden cabin.



Approach

- Proposal to erect a demountable wooden cabin (W-4.99m / D-2.99m / H-2.46m) formed from slow grown spruce timber (interlocking logs) with heavy duty roof purlins, air vents, pressure treated bearers, adjustable storm braces and a sturdy tongue and groove roof. The cabin has openable/lockable 24mm double glazed multi locking windows and door with 4mm toughened glass. The wooden cabin is located in the rear garden and not attached to any part of the original protected structure. No fixings or foundations were required in order to secure the structure in its place. Consideration was taken to situate the cabin in a way that it does not directly overlook any neighbouring property or infringe upon their access to natural light. We feel that the aesthetic qualities of the cabin and the finish are sympathetic to its surroundings.

Reasoning

- The West Kent Drug & Alcohol Wellbeing Service operated by Change Grow Live needed additional space within the main building at our 8-9 Berkley Crescent premises. The installation of the log cabin frees up some much-needed space internally as the cabin can now be used to facilitate respite and breaks before, during and after counselling appointments and group sessions.

Floorplans and Elevation

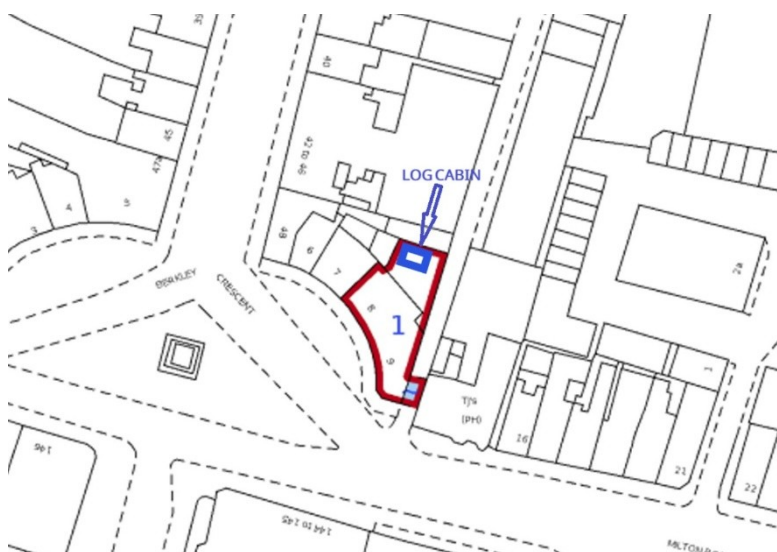
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Floorplan – Cabin in situ



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Site Plan – Cabin in situ



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Elevation Drawing

(For the purposes of illustrating the dimensions of the structure. Placement of windows and door may vary)

