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Application ref 20250341

Woodside Pear Tree Lane Shorne Gravesend Kent DA12 3JT

Application for a prior approval of a proposed; Enlargement of a dwelling by construction of additional storey with a maximum height of 10.6 metres of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class AA. The existing roof will be removed, the walls raised to the level of the first floor, and a new storey and roof formed to match that of the removed roof.

Linked Applications ref 20250342 and 20250343 are noted, as is the declaration that the applicant has not sought pre-application advice.

The Parish Council **OBJECTS STRONGLY** to this application, which is to raise the roof of the property and add a third storey.

This will be the first application of this type in Pear Tree Lane and if permitted would set a precedent in the area.

The property is located in the Green Belt, where maintaining openness is of prime importance. Although the land level falls away a little, the proposal would be a disproportionate addition with increase in bulk. It would look unbalanced and be out of character in the area. It would result in a dominating appearance to the streetscene and to neighbouring properties which have lower roof ridge heights.

Reference is made in the Application form that “The house to the north east of the site also has rooms in the roof.”, the specific house referred to not being named. While some houses in Pear Tree Lane have loft conversions, that is not the same thing or so visually intrusive as what is proposed here.