

Heritage Statement

Site name – land between 26-30 St James Road, Gravesend

Address of site land between 26-30 St James Road, Gravesend DA110HE

Grid Reference Easting: 564227, Northing: 174032

1. Schedule of Works

Installation of a Gate between existing garages and the siting of two containers at the rear of the site

2. Effects

The heritage asset(s), including their setting, are potentially affected as the area is designated as conservation area.

3. History

The garages were built in the early 1970's or late 1960's this information has been obtained from the previous title deeds. The garages are built of brick with sand and cement render and with various metal up and over and wooden doors to the front with asbestos roofing sheets.

Previous use of the site was the likely to have been the garden of the residential property facing London Road.

4. Significance of the site

The garages themselves do not give rise to any significant heritage assets as they do not have not any outstanding features or special designs, the sand cement render is of poor quality and has provides no interesting features, design of any special composition that would be of interest from a historical perspective. As no foundations are being laid any existing structures of interest below ground have not been unearthed or disturbed.

5. Impact

The proposals will have little or no impact on the significance of the heritage asset(s) and their setting as the site is currently being frequented by alcoholics, drug users and fly tippers. The level of anti-social behaviour, if allowed to continue would significantly degrade the conservation area and potentially damage the heritage assets by contamination of toxic fly tipped material. The containers are sited at the rear of the site and are not immediately conspicuous or evident to passers-by, considering the poor condition of the garages and inconsistent door types and colours the containers do not appear out of place. The majority of the garages are used for storage rather than the parking of vehicles, the containers would provide the same function.

6. Conservation

The proposals will only help to preserve the heritage asset(s) by restricting access to bona fide users of the garages and enhance the area by reducing fly tipping and consequential toxicity.

The Proposal has been designed to conserve the significance of the heritage asset(s) and their setting by not digging for any foundations or disturbing the existing structures.