

Application: 20240056

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)**

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND
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To: **Mr Sukhdeep Randhawa
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TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **GRANTED PERMISSION** for development of land situate at:

**7 The Turnstones
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 5QD**

and being **Demolition of existing 4 bed bungalow and double garage. Erection of two semi-detached four bed two storey houses with single garages.** Your application dated 12th April 2024 is permitted subject to the following:-

1. The development hereby approved shall be begun not later than 3 years following the date of this decision.

Reason: In pursuance of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following schedule of approved plans:

Application Form
TT/501 A - Proposed Site Plan - Plots 7a and 7b
TT/502 - Proposed Floor Plans, Elevations and Roof Plan Plot 7a
TT/503 - Proposed Floor Plans, Elevations and Roof Plan Plot 7b
TT/504 - Proposed Street Scene
Design and Access Statement

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until details of tree protection measures during construction, is submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

No vehicle, plant, temporary building or materials, including raising and or, lowering of ground levels, shall be allowed within the protected areas(s). Upon completion of the construction works and before the first occupation of the development on the site the trees shall be inspected by a competent tree surgeon and any necessary works to tidy the trees and maintain their health shall be undertaken

Reason: To ensure that trees and other vegetation to be retained are not damaged during construction works and to accord with in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan: Core Strategy (2014).

4. Prior to the works commencing on site, details of a gas impermeable membrane shall be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The gas impermeable membrane shall be incorporated within the structure along with a ventilated sub-floor area. Any services entering/leaving the structure should be located above the gas impermeable membrane or adequate seals will have to be provided if the membrane has to be breached. The development shall be built in accordance with the approved plans and details.

Reason: In the interest of amenity in the interests of amenity in order to prevent against landfill gas in in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014).

5. Once the gas impermeable membrane has been installed, a report from the installation company confirming all works were satisfactorily completed, shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority. The impermeable gas membrane shall remain in situ thereafter.

Reason: In the interest of amenity in the interests of amenity in order to prevent against landfill gas in in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014).

6. Prior to above ground works commencing, details and samples of all materials and finishes to be used in the external faces of the building (bricks, tiles, rainwater goods, windows and doors) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; the development thereafter shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory visually attractive development in accordance with Saved Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

7. Notwithstanding the details shown on the approved plans, submitted documents and application form, before any above ground works commence, full details of all boundary treatments, including their location, design, height and materials, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in full accordance with the approved details before the dwellings hereby permitted are first occupied and thereafter maintained.

Reason: To protect and enhance the visual amenity and the character of the area and to ensure a satisfactory environment for existing and future residents in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014) and section 12 (Achieving well-designed places) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 2023.

8. Prior to above ground works, a scheme detailing the provision for 8 additional cycle parking spaces shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall then be constructed in accordance with these approved details and completed, in its entirety, prior to first occupation of the development. Thereafter the cycle parking shall be retained.

Reason: In order to ensure an acceptable levels of cycle parking provision, in accordance with adopted policies T1 and P3 of the Local Plan First Review 1994 and Policies CS11 and CS19 of the Core Strategy 2014.

9. Prior to above ground works details of hard and soft landscaping as detailed in drawing no. 002 Rev B (Proposed Landscape Plan), shall be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The details as approved shall be fully implemented and the site shall be cleared of rubbish and debris and thereafter maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority for a period of five years to ensure establishment. Any trees or plants that die, are damaged, removed or become diseased within five years from the implementation of the soft landscaping scheme shall be replaced with trees or plants of a similar size and species during the next available planting season.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenity of the development and to provide satisfactory screening to neighbouring properties, in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

10. Before the first occupation of the dwellinghouse hereby permitted, the windows at first floor on both the southern and north facing elevations of plot 7b and the south elevation of plot 7a, shall be fitted with glass that has been obscured in the manufacturing process to Pilkington level 3 or higher (or equivalent) and shall be non-opening up to a minimum height of 1.7m above internal floor level. Both the obscured glazing and the non-opening design shall be an integral part of the manufacturing process and not a modification or addition made at a later time. The windows shall thereafter be retained as such.

Reason: In order to safeguard the amenity and privacy of the occupants of the neighbouring properties in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

11. The vehicular access hereby permitted shall not be brought into use until a vehicular crossover (dropped kerb) has been constructed in accordance with the Highway Authority's specification and requirements and with the written approval of the Highway Authority having first been obtained. The vehicle crossover shall be commensurate with the width of the vehicular access as hereby permitted and thereafter maintained.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and pursuant to Policy CS11 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014 and saved Policy T5 of the Gravesham Local Plan First Review 1994.

12. Prior to the first use of the dwellinghouses as approved, full details of the refuse storage and collection arrangements shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details as approved pursuant to this condition shall be implemented the first use of the dwellinghouses and shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with the details approved pursuant to this condition.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of occupiers of adjoining and nearby residential properties and in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014).

13. The proposed driveway shall be surfaced in a bound, permeable material and maintained in accordance with manufacturer guidance.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy CS11 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

- 14 The applicant shall undertake a watching brief during construction in case any contamination issue is encountered. If during development any contamination is found, the Local Planning Authority should be informed as soon as practical and the work shall not continue until written agreement is provided by the Local Planning Authority as to the appropriate measures to be taken to resolve the matter and they are satisfied that those measures have been carried out.

Reason: In order to protect the amenity of occupiers due to the site forming part of a former landfill development site in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 WORKS OF CONSTRUCTION

Hours of work of construction site plant, equipment and machinery, should be restricted to not earlier than 7.00 a.m. and not later than 6.00 p.m. weekdays and Saturday working should be restricted to not earlier than 8.00a.m. and not later than 1.00 p.m. No work shall be carried out on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

- i. Suitable sound attenuation shall be used at all times in respect of all plant, machinery and equipment in operation on site in order to aid prevention of noise nuisance. Compliance with BS 5228: Part 1: 1984 and subsequent amendments regarding the use of equipment on site will be required in appropriate cases.
- ii. A suitable method of control shall be used in order to aid prevention of dust nuisance arising from work activities on site.
- iii. Burning of waste materials shall not be carried out on site. Such materials are to be stored in a suitable receptacle, as far from residential accommodation as reasonably practicable, pending disposal off site.
- iv. Adequate arrangements shall be made to remove all waste material from the site on a regular basis and to dispose of it at a suitably licensed waste disposal site.

2 DEVIATION FROM APPROVED PLANS

It is possible that any proposed deviation from the approved plans could be classed as a 'material' change requiring a further application/permission. In the event that any change is proposed, applicants are advised to seek advice from the Local Planning Authority [as proceeding without the necessary permissions could nullify this permission].

3 BUILDING REGULATIONS CONSENT

The granting of planning permission is independent from the granting of Building Regulations consent (which may, or may not, be required). In the event of a change to the scheme granted planning permission being required to satisfy the Building Regulations, applicants are advised to seek advice from the Local Planning Authority [as proceeding without the necessary permissions could nullify this permission].

4 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative way and, where appropriate, has worked pro-actively with the applicant to secure a development that is sustainable and that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area, and that is in accordance with the Development Plan for the area.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Lighting

Artificial lighting can cause a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It is important that the applicants are not permitted to install external lighting that illuminate anything other than the ground within the curtilage of the new properties in order to assist in preventing a nuisance from occurring (which would be most likely if the bedrooms on neighbouring properties are illuminated).

Smoke Control Informative

The proposed development is situated in a smoke control area. As such, only authorised smokeless fuels as listed in the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations 1991 shall be burnt or fireplaces/appliances exempted by Smoke Control (Exempted Fireplaces) Orders shall be utilised. Exempt appliances are appliances (ovens including pizza and tandoori ovens, wood burners and stoves) which have been exempted by Statutory Instruments (Orders) under the Clean Air Act 1993. These have passed tests to confirm that they are capable of burning an unauthorised or inherently smoky solid fuel without emitting smoke. They must be fitted and used according to manufacturer's instructions and they can only be used for the fuel for which they are designed. When purchasing fuels and fireplaces the applicant should clarify with the vendor their suitability with respect to use in Smoke Control Areas. For further information, including confirmation that an appliance and/or fuel is suitable for use in a smoke control area, the applicant should contact the Council's Regulatory Services air.quality@gravesham.gov.uk

Drainage/sewerage informative

The foul sewage shall be removed by means of the mains drainage system and not by the use of non-mains sewerage systems, unless connection to the drainage system is not reasonably practicable.

6 KCC HIGHWAYS

It is important to note that planning permission does not convey any approval to carry out works on or affecting the public highway.

Any changes to or affecting the public highway in Kent require the formal agreement of the Highway Authority, Kent County Council (KCC), and it should not be assumed that this will be a given because planning permission has been granted. For this reason, anyone considering works which may affect the public highway, including any highway-owned street furniture, is advised to engage with KCC Highways and Transportation at an early stage in the design process.

Across the county there are pieces of land next to private homes and gardens that do not look like roads or pavements but are actually part of the public highway. Some of this highway land is owned by Kent County Council whilst some is owned by third party owners. Irrespective of the ownership, this land may have highway rights over the topsoil. Works on private land may also affect the public highway. These include works to cellars, to retaining walls which support the highway or land above the highway, and to balconies, signs or other structures which project over the highway. Such works also require the approval of the Highway Authority.

Kent County Council has now introduced a formal technical approval process for new or altered highway assets, with the aim of improving future maintainability. This process applies to all development works affecting the public highway other than applications for vehicle crossings, which are covered by a separate approval process. Should the development be approved by the Planning Authority, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, before the development is commenced, that all necessary highway approvals and consents have been obtained and that the limits of the highway boundary have been clearly established, since failure to do so may result in enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority. The applicant must also ensure that the details shown on the approved plans agree in every aspect with those approved under the relevant legislation and common law. It is therefore important for the applicant to contact KCC Highways and Transportation to progress this aspect of the works prior to commencement on site.

Guidance for applicants, including information about how to clarify the highway boundary and links to application forms for vehicular crossings and other highway matters, may be found on

Kent County Council's website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/highways-permissions-and-technical-guidance>. Alternatively, KCC Highways and Transportation may be contacted by telephone: 03000 418181

7 SOUTHERN WATER

Please see the extract from Southern Water records showing the approximate position of water distribution main within the development site. The exact position of the public asset must be determined on site by the applicant in consultation with Southern Water, before the layout of the proposed development is finalised.

- The 100 mm water distribution mains require a clearance of 6 metres on either side of the water distribution mains to protect it from construction works and to allow for future access for maintenance.

- No excavation, mounding or tree planting should be carried out within 6 metres of the external edge of the public water distribution mains without consent from Southern Water.

- No soakaways, swales, ponds, watercourses or any other surface water retaining or conveying features should be located within 5 metres of public water mains.

- All existing infrastructure, including protective coatings and cathodic protection, should be protected during the course of construction works.

Please refer to: southernwater.co.uk/media/3011/stand-off-distances.pdf

It is possible that a sewer now deemed to be public could be crossing the development site. Therefore, should any sewer be found during construction works, an investigation of the sewer will be required to ascertain its ownership before any further works commence on site. In order to protect water apparatus, Southern Water requests that if consent is granted, the following condition is attached to the planning permission; The developer must agree with Southern Water, prior to commencement of the development, the measures to be undertaken to protect/divert the public water supply main.

Foul and Surface Water Drainage

Southern Water requires a formal application for a connection to the public foul sewer to be made by the applicant or developer.

To make an application visit Southern Water's Get Connected service: developerservices.southernwater.co.uk and please read our New Connections Charging Arrangements documents which are available on our website via the following link: southernwater.co.uk/developing-building/connection-charging-arrangements

Our initial investigations indicate that there are no public surface water sewers in the area to serve this development. Alternative means of draining surface water from this development are required. This should not involve disposal to a public foul sewer and should be in line with the Hierarchy of H3 of Building Regulations with preference for use of soakaways.

gov.uk/government/publications/drainage-and-waste-disposal-approved-document-h

8 AGREEMENT FOR IMPOSITION OF PRE-COMMENCEMENT CONDITION(S)

In accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Pre Commencement Conditions) Regulations 2018 and paragraph 36 of the Planning Practice Guidance the Local Planning Authority has agreed in writing with the applicant on 28/05/2024 to the inclusion of the following pre-commencement conditions.

Conditions 3 and 4

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NOTIFICATION TO APPLICANT

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your Local Planning Authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If this is a **householder application*** which has been refused and you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within **12 weeks of the date of this notice**.
- For all other applications, refused or permitted, if you want to appeal against your Local Planning Authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.
- **For further information regarding Appeals and to make an application please click the relevant link:**
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-householder-planning-decision>
<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.
- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

***Householder applications**

These are:

- (a) applications for planning permission for development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage of such a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, or
- (b) an application for any consent, agreement or approval required by or under a planning permission, development order or local development order in relation to such development

but does **not** include –

- (i) an application for change of use;
- (ii) an application to change the number of dwellings in a building.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he/she render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.