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Application - GBC/20211111

Location - 18-22 Queen Street, Gravesend, Kent

Proposal - Partial demolition of existing rear extension, erection of a one and an half storey detached building at the rear to accommodate two replacement flats plus an additional 4 x 1 bedroom flats. Infill of existing yard at 20 Queen Street to form enlarged retail unit, extension to outrigger at rear of 22 Queen Street to form enlarged first floor flat and an further storey/addition at second floor level to 22 Queen Street including frontage alterations to accommodate a 2 bedroom flat.

Thank you for your consultation in relation to the above planning application. I have the following comments to make with respect to highway matters :-

This is a town centre location close to local facilities and within easy reach of bus services and the railway station therefore in a very sustainable location. In accordance with Kent Residential Parking Standards no parking spaces need to be provided for the proposed flats which would help minimise the use of travel by the private car.

No objection is therefore raised on highway grounds to this application.

Informative: 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.

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>. Alternatively, KCC Highways and Transportation may be contacted by telephone: 03000 418181.

Yours Faithfully

Director of Highways & Transportation

*This is a statutory technical response on behalf of KCC as Highway Authority. If you wish to make representations in relation to highways matters associated with the planning application under consideration, please make these directly to the Planning Authority.