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Application ref 20241056

10 Hollands Close Shorne Gravesend Kent DA12 3EH

Conversion of garage to annex.

The Parish Council has concerns about this proposal, which is to convert an attached garage to residential accommodation.

- Small size: The entire area will measure approximately 5.5m long by 2.5m wide. The bed/living area will be 3m long by 2.5m wide and the shower room is 1m wide by 2.5m long. This will be a very cramped form of development. Pocket doors are noted internally to save space.
- Intended user: The application form does not state who is the intended user, the physical restrictions of the proposal will affect who will be able to safely occupy the building.
- Separate entrance and potentially self-contained: The proposed annex has a separate front door and no direct connection with the existing house. Residents will be exposed to ambient weather when accessing the main house. The annex has a bathroom and a range of cupboards of unknown type in the entrance hall. Despite the small size it is potentially capable of being used as a separate dwelling.

If to be permitted we suggest that Conditions should be attached ensuring that it is only an annex to the existing dwelling, for use by relatives of the owners, and preventing use as a separate dwelling. Any future extensions or alterations should require planning permission.