



Application: 20220583

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

NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND
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To: **Mr Martin Hobbs, Meopham Veterinary Hospital
C/O John Collins, DHA Planning
Eclipse House Eclipse Park
Sittingbourne Road
Maidstone
ME14 3EN**

TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **REFUSED TO PERMIT** development of land situate at:

**Meopham Veterinary Surgery
Wrotham Road
Meopham
Gravesend
Kent
DA13 0QG**

and being **Erection of a rear extension and change of use of land to form an extended carpark with EV charging comprising 10no. additional parking spaces on the adjoining parcel of land.**

Your application dated 31st May 2022 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed extension and change of use from paddock to car park will result in inappropriate development in the Green Belt without demonstrating that any very special circumstances exist. The proposal, by virtue of its size, appearance and location, will result in a detrimental impact on the openness of the Green Belt, an unattractive development within a landscape character area and loss of biodiversity out of character with the area and contrary to Policies CS12 and CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014 and paras. 130, 147 and 149 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

INFORMATIVES:-

1 SUBMITTED DRAWINGS

For the avoidance of doubt the submitted drawings are:

Application form
Planning Statement
Letter of support from Red House Kennels
Letter of support from Ward Security
Letter of support from University of Surrey
Second letter of support from University of Surrey
Letter of support from Two Gates Boarding Kennels
Drawing no. 2118-TP-00 (existing plans)

Drawing no. 2118-TP03 (proposed elevations)
Drawing no. 2118-TP02 (proposed floor plans)
Drawing no. 2118-TP-01 (proposed block plan)

2 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-TAKING

In accordance with Article 35(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015 and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and proactive manner and, where appropriate, has worked 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. In this instance, the application is contrary to local and national policy.

Dated: 26 July 2022

Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 1AU

Wendy Lane MRTPI
Assistant Director (Planning)
Planning Service

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.
- **Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.**
- 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.