

Gravesham Borough Council Planning Department
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 1AU

14 September 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

Comments for Planning Application - 20260849
40 Walmers Avenue, Higham, Rochester, Kent ME3 7EH

As a Parish Council, we feel it is in the best interest of our parishioners to provide comments to the planning application submitted for the above property for the "Extension of existing habitable space on the first floor and installation of two pitched roof dormers to the front roof elevation including a roof window, enlargement of the rear roof elevation flat roof dormer, and raising of the roof."

Our Planning Committee members raised concerns over the appearance of the proposed property. A previous application for an infill extension was more sympathetic to the character and proportions of the original building. In contrast, the current proposal appears far less in keeping. The increase in the size of the rear dormers, together with the introduction of new dormers on the front elevation, results in a roofscape dominated by box-like structures on both sides.

While we recognise that similar forms of development may already exist on this road, this does not lessen the impact of the proposed design on this property or its immediate setting.

Please consider our comments when determining this application.

Yours faithfully

Rachael Martin

Rachael Martin
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Higham Parish Council