



Application: 20240604

**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: **Ms Trot
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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:

**Steeles Wood Stables
Wrotham Road
South Street
Meopham
Kent**

and being **Conversion of existing barn to three residential units, together with provision of associated parking and private amenity space and removal of rear canopy to barn and existing WC, office and stables.** Your application dated 17th July 2024 is permitted subject to the following:-

1. The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted.

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 approved plans:

Planning Application Form;
Drawing No. 01 - Site Location Plan;
Drawing No. 02 - Existing Block Plan;
Drawing No. 03 - Existing Floor Plan;
Drawing No. 04 - Existing Elevations;
Drawing No. 05 - Proposed Block Plan;
Drawing No. 06 - Proposed Ground Floor Plan;
Drawing No. 07 - Proposed First Floor Plan;
Drawing No. 08 - Proposed Elevations;
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (June 2024);
Planning Design & Access Statement (March 2024); and
Structural Assessment (June 2024).

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

3. No development shall take place until a comprehensive Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall elaborate on the measures outlined in section 4 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (KB Ecology, June 2024) associated with the planning application and cover all environmental impacts from the clearance and construction phases of this development including details of the following, as well as any other measures deemed reasonably necessary:

- (a) Dust management
- (b) Noise management measures;
- (c) Type and location of wheel washing facilities;
- (d) Measures to avoid adverse impacts on ecology and biodiversity including:
 - Protection measures to avoid indirect impacts (light, noise and dust pollution) to the nearby Local Wildlife Site/Ancient Woodland;
 - Measures to avoid impacts to individual badgers/their setts;
 - Measures to avoid impacts to reptiles;
 - Measures to avoid impacts to hedgehogs;
 - Measures to avoid impacts to breeding birds.

Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved document.

Reason: To ensure that a suitable programme of all works is set out from the commencement of development, to demonstrate that the free flow of traffic on the highway and to minimise the impact on local residents and businesses, in accordance with Local Plan Core Strategy Policies CS11, CS12 and CS19, and to ensure that any adverse environmental impacts of development activities are avoided or mitigated in line with paragraph 186 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

4. Prior to commencement, a noise impact assessment shall be carried out and submitted to the Local Planning Authority for its approval demonstrating that:
- The internal ambient noise levels in all habitable rooms of the proposed residential dwellings shall not exceed the guideline LAeq values found in Table 4 of BS8233:2014.
 - The maximum internal noise levels in all habitable rooms should not exceed 45dB L_{Amax} more than 10 times per night in accordance with the Professional Practice Guidance on Planning & Noise and the WHO Guidelines for Community Noise.
 - External areas shall be designed and located to ensure that amenity areas are protected on all boundaries as to not exceed 50 dBLAeq,16hr. If a threshold level relaxation to 55 dBLAeq,16hr is required for external areas full justification should be provided.

Any works identified as being required to achieve the above shall be carried out prior to the first operational use of the site.

Reason: In order to ensure acceptable living conditions for the future occupants, in accordance with adopted Gravesham Local Plan: Core Strategy Policy CS19.

5. Prior to above ground works commencing, details and samples of all materials and finishes to be used in the external faces of the building (weatherboarding, roof sheeting, rainwater goods, windows and doors) have been 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 which preserves and enhances the character of the area in accordance with Policy CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

6. A watching brief during construction in case any unexpected contamination is encountered during the groundwork phase. Workers on site during construction should be advised by the applicant that there is a possibility of finding contaminated material. If during development any contamination is found, the Local Planning Authority should be informed as soon as practical and development shall be suspended and a risk assessment carried out and submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval. Where unacceptable risks are found, remediation and verification schemes shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Construction work shall not continue until written agreement is provided by the Local Planning Authority that appropriate measures to resolve the matter, including the measures in the remediation and verification schemes, have been completed.

Reason: To safeguard human health and the natural environment, in accordance with Policy CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3, and Part 1 Classes A and G of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, or any provision equivalent to those Classes in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order, with or without modification, no window, door or other form of opening shall be formed in any elevation of the dwellings hereby permitted.

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

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of Classes A, B, C and Class E of Part 1 to Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) (or any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), no extension, enlargement or other alteration of the dwelling or the erection of buildings incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling hereby permitted, shall be carried out.

Reason: In order to ensure adequate private amenity space is maintained for the occupants of the proposed dwelling and the amenity of neighbouring properties in accordance with Policy CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

9. Prior to any part of the permitted dwellings being occupied or used, a scheme detailing the proposed soft landscaping scheme shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall then be carried out in full within the first planting season. Any trees or plants that die, are damaged, removed or become diseased within five years from implementation shall be replaced with a similar size and species during the next planting season.

Reason: To ensure that the landscaping is maintained in the long term in the interests of the visual amenity of the site and biodiversity, in accordance with Policies CS12 (Green Infrastructure) and CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014).

10. Prior to any part of the permitted development being occupied or used, and notwithstanding the details shown on the approved plans a scheme of hard landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt the details shall include the following:

- proposed boundary treatments;
- proposed finished levels and contours;
- hard surface finishes to the vehicle parking areas, pedestrian accesses, private gardens and amenity areas;
- details of any retaining walls, steps, railings, walls, fencing, gates or other supporting structures;
- details of the pedestrian access and circulation areas.

The approved works shall be completed in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation of any of the residential units hereby permitted.

Reason: To ensure that the landscaped elements of the scheme as proposed are properly designed and suitably implemented in the interests of visual amenity and highway safety in accordance with Policy CS11 and Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014) and saved Policy T5 of the Gravesham Local Plan First Review (1994).

11. Prior to any part of the permitted development being occupied or used, and notwithstanding the details shown on the approved plans, submitted documents and application form, the vehicle parking areas shown on the approved plans shall be formed, surfaced, drained and marked out in accordance with a scheme first to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), or any provision equivalent to it in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order, with or without modification, no development shall be carried out on the site in such a manner or in such a position as to preclude the use of or access to the reserved vehicle parking and turning areas.

Reason: To ensure sufficient off street car parking provision is available to serve the development, in accordance with Policy CS11 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014) and saved Policy P3 of the Gravesham Local Plan First Review (1994).014).

12. Prior to any part of the permitted development being occupied or used, cycle storage facilities, shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority and should be provided prior to any of the residential units hereby permitted first being occupied and thereafter be retained for such purposes at all times.

Reason: In order to encourage options for sustainable travel in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014) and saved Policy P3 of Gravesham Local Plan First Review (1994).

13. Prior to any part of the permitted development being occupied or used, and notwithstanding the details shown on the approved plans, submitted documents and application form, details of the refuse arrangements shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The submitted details shall ensure adequate provision for non-recyclable waste, food waste and recyclable waste. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation of any of the residential units hereby permitted and shall thereafter be retained for such purposes at all times.

Reason: In order to ensure the development is served by a suitable refuse storage area in the interest of amenity and in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014).

14. No external lighting, whether temporary or permanent, shall be placed or erected within the site unless details are submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning

Authority. Any details to be submitted shall be in accordance with the Bat Conservation Trust/Institute of Lighting Professional's 'Guidance Note 8 Bats and Artificial Lighting', and shall include a layout plan with beam orientation and a schedule of light equipment proposed (luminaire type; mounting height; aiming angles and luminaire profiles) and an ISO lux plan showing light spill. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the subsequently approved details and maintained as such thereafter.

Reason: To limit the impact of light pollution from artificial light on local amenity, intrinsically dark landscapes and nature conservation in accordance with paragraph 191(c) of the NPPF 2023.

INFORMATIVES:-

1 REASON FOR IMPOSITION OF PRE-COMMENCEMENT CONDITIONS

Pursuant to Articles 35 (1) and (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the requirements of conditions 3 and 4 (including the timing of compliance) are so fundamental to the development permitted that such details must be submitted prior to the works commencing on site. The reason for this is ensure that any adverse environmental impacts of development activities are avoided and the amenities of future occupiers is protected. Due to the importance attached to these details, it is reasonable and necessary to seek full approval in advance of works commencing

2 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.

3 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].

4 BUILDING REGULATIONS AND PARTY WALL ACT

This decision DOES NOT imply any consent which may be required under the Building Regulations or under any other enactment or provision. Nor does it override any private rights which any person may have relating to the land affected by this decision, including the provisions of the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

5 NAMING & NUMBERING

As a result of the changes to this property, it appears that a change has to be made to the national property gazetteer. It is a legal requirement that a property or premises is registered.

The Naming and Numbering Certificate, when issued, will reduce location or delivery problems via Royal Mail or other carriers, and importantly for the Police, Ambulance, and Fire & Rescue services. Registration is also necessary to register to vote, for utility connections, and will avoid duplicate addresses.

The Naming and Numbering service is provided by the Borough Council. The on-line form is available at the Planning/House Numbering page of the council's web-site <http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/street-naming> Please submit the application and the requisite fee in accordance with the guidance on the form.

6 SOUTHERN WATER

A formal application for connection to the public sewerage system is required in order to service this development, please contact Southern Water, Sparrowgrove House, Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne, Hampshire SO21 2SW (Tel: 0330 303 0119) or www.southernwater.co.uk.

Please read their New Connections Services Charging Arrangements documents which has now been published and is available to read on their website via the following link <https://beta.southernwater.co.uk/infrastructure-charges>.

7 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure, before the development hereby approved is commenced, that all necessary highway approvals and consents where required are obtained and that the limits of highway boundary are clearly established in order to avoid any enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority.

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 road. This is called 'highway land'. Some of this land is owned by The Kent County Council (KCC) whilst some are owned by third party owners. Irrespective of the ownership, this land may have 'highway rights' over the topsoil.

Information about how to clarify the highway boundary can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/highway-land/highway-boundary-enquiries>

The applicant must also ensure that the details shown on the approved plans agree in every aspect with those approved under such 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.

8 MAINS DRAINAGE

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. If foul sewage is to be removed using non-mains sewerage systems, a sewage treatment plant or septic tank system will be considered in preference to a cesspool. Such a system may require the prior consent of the Environment Agency under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991. Applicants are therefore advised to discuss their requirements with the Environment Agency at the earliest opportunity. It should be ensured that the septic tank or cesspool is of adequate capacity to serve the proposed development and suitable access and hardstanding area shall be maintained to it on site.

9. DOMESTIC REFUSE ARRANGEMENTS

DOMESTIC REFUSE ARRANGEMENTS: SINGLE DWELLINGS

The dwelling should have sufficient storage capacity to cope with the waste generated in between collections (1 week).

DOMESTIC REFUSE ARRANGEMENTS: ADVISORY NOTES

Plastic sacks are issues for solid waste storage and collection will be from the front entrance to the property adjacent to the road or footpath.

Dated: 11 September 2024

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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.