

PLANNING STATEMENT

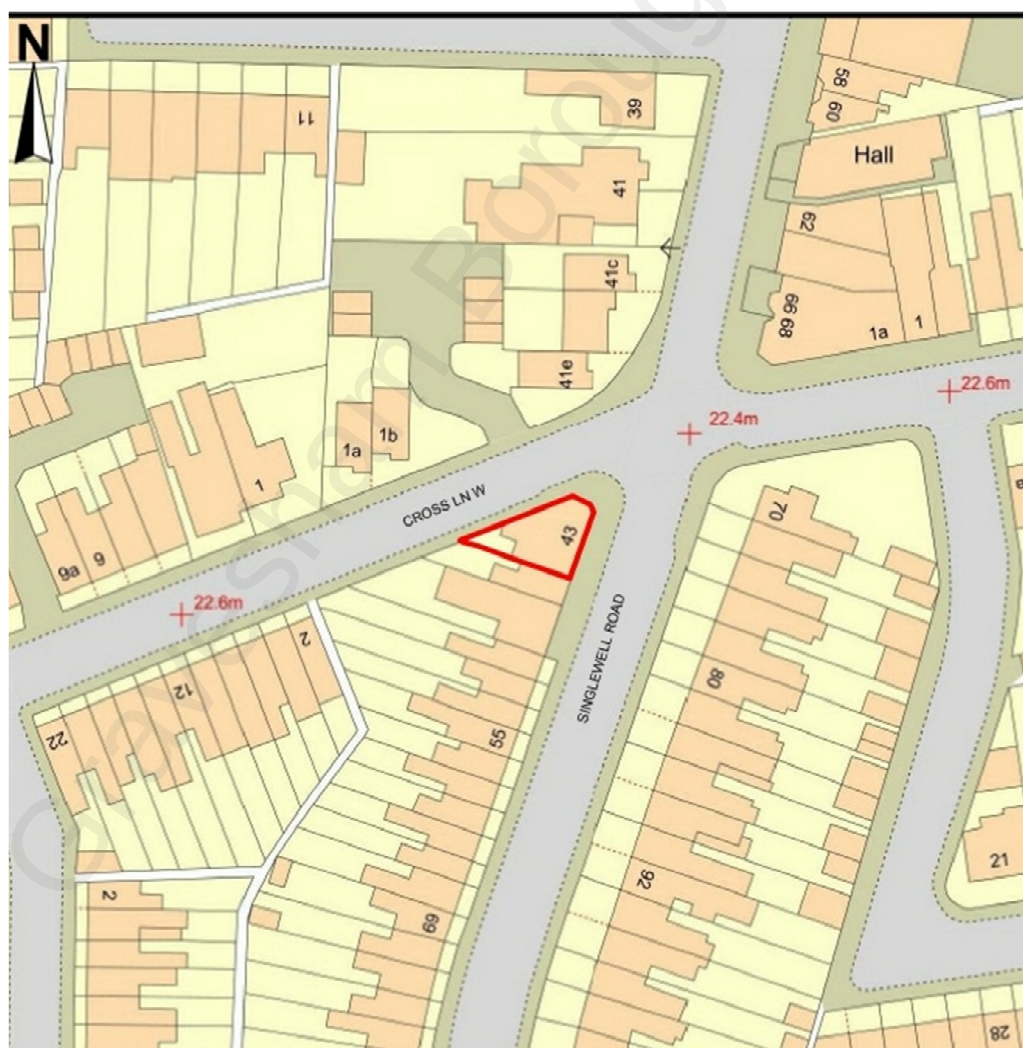
Alterations to the existing shopfront incorporating the sub-division of the existing class E unit.

Location: 43 Singlewell Road, Gravesend, DA11 7PU.

Number 43 is an end of terrace property, located on the Singlewell Road. It is an existing barber shop located at the junction of the Singlewell Road and Cross Lane West.

The Singlewell Road houses a mix of diverse properties, ranging from shops and residential units.

The surrounding buildings are varied with traditional brick finish and render/pebble dash finish. The building typology is of reasonably consistent scale within the small shopping parade. The above property is not located in a Conservation Area and is not a building of any special character or interest.



The application is for the variation of condition 4 (Hours of opening) to facilitate the local residents that provide for needs of the community and contribute to it.

Due to the nature of the business, customers prefer to come early in the morning therefore the appointments have to be made for early hours. Again, the nature of the business is such that the customers' visit to the premises is appointment based therefore there is no noise generated at the premises and hence the amenities of the adjoining and nearby properties will be safeguarded.

Also, the shop next door opens at 6am while a nearby news shop opens at 5am on Saturdays.

The proposal will be a positive addition and considered a welcome contribution.

The proposal will provide more efficient use of the property and has no adverse effect on the surrounding buildings also respecting the neighbouring properties.

It is considered that the application put forward is in accordance with the policies of the Council therefore the Council is requested to grant permission for it.