



Application: 20241011

**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: **Mr Lucky Gill, Gill Aggregates (Holdings) Ltd
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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:

**Land And Buildings At Seacon Site
Tower Wharf
Lower Road
Northfleet
Gravesend
Kent
DA11 9BD**

and being **Extension of existing storage warehouse to provide a bagging and packaging facility for aggregates and cementitious products, incorporating extensions to both sides, a new warehouse section to the south and silos to the side.** Your application dated 11th December 2024 is permitted subject to the following:-

1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and particulars:

Application form

Report on a Phase 2 Geoenvironmental Ground Investigation (Ref. 22/35405-1, dated August 2022)

Noise Assessment (Ref. H4270-NV-v1, dated 5 November 2024)

Air Quality Assessment (Ref. H4270-AQ-v1, dated 5 November 2024)

Drawing no. 20.14/ (Site Plans)

Drawing no. 20.14/ (Existing Block Plan)

Drawing no. 20.14/ (Proposed Block Plan)

Drawing no. 20.14/ (Proposed Plan)

Drawing no. 20.14/ (Existing Elevations)

Drawing no. 20.14/ (Proposed Elevations)

Additional Documents/Plans:

Drawing no. LM25100-XX-D-XX-301 Rev. P01 (Drainage Details Sheet 1)

Drawing no. LM25100-XX-D-XX-302 Rev. P01 (Drainage Details Sheet 2)

Drawing no. LM25100-XX-D-XX-303 Rev. P01 (Drainage Details Sheet 3)
Drawing no. LM25100-XX-D-XX-0100 Rev. P01 (Impermeable Areas Plan Existing and Proposed)
Surface Water Flow Discharge Assessment
Planning Statement Rev. A
Hydraulic Calculations 30.04.2025
Drawing no. LM25100-XX-D-XX-0500 Rev. P03 (Drainage Strategy Plan)
Drainage Strategy Report (Ref. LM25100-DR-01, dated April 2025)

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

2. Contamination Strategy

Within one month of the date of this decision, a strategy to deal with the potential risks associated with any contamination of the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This strategy will include the following components:

1. A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:
 - all previous uses;
 - potential contaminants associated with those uses;
 - a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors; and
 - potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site.
2. A site investigation scheme, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site.
3. The results of the site investigation and the detailed risk assessment referred to in (2) and, based on these, an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.
4. A verification plan providing details of the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the remediation strategy in (3) are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason : To ensure that the development does not contribute to, or is not put at unacceptable risk from, or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution in line with paragraphs 187, 196 and 197 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

3. Foul Drainage Strategy

Within one month of the date of this decision a foul drainage strategy, detailing how appropriate foul drainage is implemented with a connection to the foul sewer, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the water undertaker and Environment Agency. The development shall be constructed in line with the agreed detailed design and recommendations of the strategy.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not contribute to, or is not put at unacceptable risk from, or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution in line with paragraphs 186 and 196 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

4. Sustainable Surface Water Drainage Scheme

Within one month of the date of this decision, a detailed sustainable surface water drainage scheme for the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The detailed drainage scheme shall be based upon the submitted Drainage Strategy Plan prepared by Leimen LTD (April 2025). The submitted scheme shall demonstrate compliance with the required technical standards at the time of submission and shall demonstrate that the surface water generated by this development

(for all rainfall durations and intensities up to and including the climate change adjusted critical 100 year storm) can be accommodated and disposed of without increase to flood risk on or off-site.

The drainage scheme shall also demonstrate (with reference to published guidance):

- that silt and pollutants resulting from the site use can be adequately managed to ensure there is no pollution risk to receiving waters.
- appropriate operational, maintenance and access requirements for each drainage feature or SuDS component are adequately considered, including any proposed arrangements for future adoption by any public body or statutory undertaker.

The drainage scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the development is served by satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of surface water and to ensure that the development does not exacerbate the risk of on/off site flooding in line with Policies CS18 and CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014 .

5. Construction Method Statement

Within one month of the date of this decision, a Construction Method Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The document shall be produced in accordance with the Code of Construction Practice and BS5228 Noise Vibration and Control on Construction and Open Sites and shall include a Construction Dust Management Plan in accordance with the guidance in the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) 'Guidance on the Assessment of Dust from Demolition and Construction'. The construction of the development shall then be carried out in accordance with the approved methodology.

Reason: To ensure acceptable methods of construction in line with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014.

6. Contamination Verification Report

Prior to any part of the permitted development first being occupied, a verification report demonstrating the completion of works set out in the approved contamination remediation strategy and the effectiveness of the remediation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall include results of sampling and monitoring carried out in accordance with the approved verification plan to demonstrate that the site remediation criteria have been met.

Reason: To ensure that the site does not pose any further risk to human health or the water environment by demonstrating that the requirements of the approved verification plan have been met and that remediation of the site is complete. This is in line with paragraphs 187, 196 and 197 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

7. Surface Water Drainage Verification Report

Prior to any part of the permitted development first being occupied, a Verification Report pertaining to the surface water drainage system and prepared by a suitably competent person, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Report shall demonstrate that the drainage system constructed is consistent with the approved scheme. The Report shall contain information and evidence (including photographs) of details and locations of inlets, outlets and control structures; landscape plans; full as built drawings; information pertinent to the installation of those items identified on the critical drainage assets drawing; and the submission of an operation and maintenance manual for the sustainable drainage scheme as constructed.

Reason: To ensure that flood risks from development to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those risks to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development as constructed is compliant with and subsequently maintained pursuant to the requirements of paragraph 182 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

8. Matching Materials

The materials used the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing warehouse building and be in accordance with the details in the application form and proposed elevation drawings.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory visual relationship between the existing and the new development in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014.

9. Contamination Not Previously Identified

If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority) shall be carried out until a remediation strategy detailing how this contamination will be dealt with has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not contribute to, or is not put at unacceptable risk from, or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution from previously unidentified contamination sources at the development site in line with paragraphs 187, 196 and 197 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

10. No Drainage for Infiltration of Surface Water

No drainage systems for the infiltration of surface water drainage into the ground is permitted, unless such details are submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for those parts of the site where it has been demonstrated that there is no resultant unacceptable risk to controlled waters. The development shall be carried out in accordance with such approved details.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not contribute to, or is not put at unacceptable risk from, or adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution caused by mobilised contaminants in line with paragraphs 186 and 196 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2024.

11. Noise and Vibration from Plant/Equipment

Noise and vibration from all plant and equipment when operating at maximum speed and output shall be limited to 10 dB(A) below the background noise level, expressed as a LA90,15minutes at the boundary of the nearest residential property. The rated noise levels from plant and equipment shall include any penalties for noise characteristics such as tone, intermittency, that are liable to cause the noise to be a nuisance etc.

Reason: To ensure acceptable noise and vibration levels in line with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy 2014.

INFORMATIVES:-

1 **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].

2 BUILDING REGULATIONS CONSENT

The granting of planning permission is independent from the granting of Building Regulations consent (which may, or may not, be required). In the event of a change to the scheme granted planning permission being required to satisfy the Building Regulations, applicants are advised to seek advice from the Local Planning Authority [as proceeding without the necessary permissions could nullify this permission].

3 DRAINAGE

Only clean uncontaminated water should drain to the surface water system. Roof drainage shall drain directly to the surface water system (entering after the pollution prevention measures). Appropriate pollution control methods (such as trapped gullies and interceptors) should be used for drainage from access roads and car parking areas to prevent hydrocarbons from entering the surface water system. There should be no discharge into land impacted by contamination or land previously identified as being contaminated. There should be no discharge to made ground. There must be no direct discharge to groundwater, a controlled water.

4 WASTE ON SITE

The CLAIRE Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice (DoWCoP, version 2) provides operators with a framework for determining whether or not excavated material arising from site during remediation and/or land development works are waste or have ceased to be waste. Under the Code of Practice:

- o excavated materials that are recovered via a treatment operation can be re-used on-site providing they are treated to a standard such that they are fit for purpose and unlikely to cause pollution
- o treated materials can be transferred between sites as part of a hub and cluster project formally agreed with the EA
- o some naturally occurring clean material can be transferred directly between sites.

Developers should ensure that all contaminated materials are adequately characterised both chemically and physically, and that the permitting status of any proposed on site operations are clear. If in doubt, the Environment Agency should be contacted for advice at an early stage to avoid any delays. It should be noted that re-use of historic landfill materials (including capping materials) is not covered under DoWCoP.

The Environment Agency recommends that developers should refer to:

- o the Position statement on the Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice and;
- o The Environmental regulations page on GOV.UK

5 WASTE

Contaminated soil that is, or must be disposed of, is waste. Therefore, its handling, transport, treatment and disposal is subject to waste management legislation, which includes:

- o Duty of Care Regulations 1991
- o Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005
- o Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010
- o The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

Developers should ensure that all contaminated materials are adequately characterised both chemically and physically in line with British Standard BS EN 14899:2005 'Characterization of Waste - Sampling of Waste Materials - Framework for the Preparation and Application of a Sampling Plan' and that the permitting status of any proposed treatment or disposal activity is clear. If in doubt, the Environment Agency should be contacted for advice at an early stage to avoid any delays.

If the total quantity of waste material to be produced at or taken off site is hazardous waste and is 500kg or greater in any 12 month period the developer will need to register with us as a hazardous waste producer.

6 HIGHWAYS

It is important to note that Local Planning Authority (LPA) permission does not convey any approval to carry out works on or affecting the public highway.

Any changes to or affecting the public highway in Kent require the formal agreement of the Highway Authority, Kent County Council (KCC), and it should not be assumed that this will be a given because LPA planning permission has been granted.

For this reason, anyone considering works which may affect the public highway, including any highway-owned street furniture or landscape assets such as grass, shrubs and trees, is advised to engage with KCC Highways and Transportation at an early stage in the design process.

Across the county there are pieces of land next to private homes and gardens and near the highway that do not look like roads or pavements but are actually part of the public highway.

Some of this highway land is owned by Kent County Council whilst some is owned by third party owners. Irrespective of the ownership, this land may have 'highway rights' over the topsoil.

Works on private land may also affect the public highway. These include works to cellars, to retaining walls which support the highway or land above the highway, and to balconies, signs or other structures which project over the highway. Such works also require the approval of the Highway Authority.

Kent County Council has now introduced a pre-application advice service in addition to a full formal technical approval process for new or altered highway assets, with the aim of improving future maintainability. Further details are available on our website below:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/highways-permissions-and-technical-guidance>.

This process applies to all development works affecting the public highway other than applications for vehicle crossings, which are covered by a separate approval process. Further details on this are available on our website below:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/apply-for-a-dropped-kerb/dropped-kerb-contractor-information>

Once planning approval for any development has been granted by the LPA, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that before development commences, all necessary highway approvals and consents have been obtained, and that the limits of the highway boundary have been clearly established, since failure to do so may result in enforcement action being taken by the Highway Authority.

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

Further guidance for applicants, including information about how to clarify the highway boundary and links to application forms for vehicular crossings and other highway matters, may be found on Kent County Council's website:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-permits-and-licences/highways-permissions-and-technical-guidance>. Alternatively, KCC Highways and Transportation may be contacted by telephone: 03000 418181.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

An Environmental Permit under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 will be required. This will require the applicant

to design the equipment and carry out operations on site in a way that ensures pollution is minimised using Best Available Technology (BAT). The applicant will therefore need to contact GBC Regulatory Services prior to any work being carried out to ascertain what is required and to apply for a permit. The application for this needs to be made at least four months prior to the planned first operation of the development to allow sufficient time for determination. We are unable to assess how the installation is likely to comply with the legislation at this time as insufficient details regarding the process have been submitted. This may result in the process/installation design having to be altered at a later date in order to comply with the Environmental Permitting Regulations.

8 KENT POLICE DESIGNING OUT CRIME

Secured by Design guidance should be utilised to address designing out crime to meet Local Authority statutory duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The points below identify recommendations for the layout and design of this scheme:

1. We recommend boundary treatments be a minimum of 2m and the installation of lockable gates to the sides of the unit to provide controlled access to the rear. These gates must be flush to the building line to optimize surveillance.
2. We recommend natural surveillance for parking areas. As a secondary layer of security, we would also recommend CCTV be installed to further monitor use. We also strongly recommend gating access roads/ parking areas to prevent nuisance parking and misuse out of hours.
3. Defined pedestrian routes to/ from the building are recommended to improve safety and avoid pedestrian and vehicle conflict.
4. Cycle storage must be well lit and with natural surveillance. We recommend the sold secure or SBD recommended products for additional security.
5. Lighting - Please note, whilst we are not qualified lighting engineers, any lighting plan should be approved by a professional lighting engineer (e.g., a Member of the ILP), particularly where a lighting condition is imposed, to help avoid conflict and light pollution. we recommend that a suitable lighting policy is installed to ensure that the units and staff have safe access to and from the units and to help deflect criminality. External lighting to conform to min standard of BS5489-1:2020.
6. CCTV to be installed, especially in areas with limited natural surveillance such as rear of the units, utility areas/ bin stores and on the access/ exit road. We also recommend cameras in the following areas to keep users safe and monitor their movements; any stairs, emergency access doors, lifts, loading/ unloading areas, car park and reception, main office/ safe. The CCTV must not infringe any lighting plan.
7. We strongly recommend alarms, with an auto-dial function, be installed on all external doors, including emergency exits.
8. All external doorsets (a doorset is the door, fabrication, hinges, frame, installation, and locks) including folding or sliding to meet PAS 24: 2022 UKAS certified standard, STS 201 or LPS 2081 Security Rating B+. Please Note, PAS 24: 2012 tested for ADQ (Building Regs) has been superseded and is not suitable for this development.
9. Windows on the ground floor to meet PAS 24: 2022 UKAS certified standard, STS 204 Issue 6:2016, LPS 1175 Issue 8:2018 Security Rating 1/A1, STS 202 Issue 7:2016 Burglary Rating 1 or LPS 2081 Issue 1.1:2016 Security Rating A. Glazing to be laminated. Toughened glass alone is not suitable for security purposes. Any curtain walling and fixings should be tested and meet BS EN 1627:2011 and/or be certified to LPS 1175: Issue 7, SR1 or STS 202: Issue 3, BR1.
10. Any Shutters should be as close to the building line as possible and must avoid the creation of a recess. Shutters must be certificated to LPS 1175: Issue 7, SR2; STS 202: Issue 3, BR2; Sold Secure Gold or PAS 68:2013
11. Bin Stores must be secure, lit and, if in an area with limited natural surveillance we recommend CCTV cameras be installed. We also strongly advise against placing this store close enough to the building that it can be used as a climbing aid into the building when closed. Please note where there is a mixed-use building, residential and commercial bins must be segregated.
12. If any buildings are to have roof access for maintenance of solar panels and lift shafts etc., we recommend that ladders/ access doors to these areas are securely locked so that members of the public are unable to access this area. We also require CCTV to cover this area in order to monitor unauthorized access.
13. New trees should help protect and enhance security without reducing the opportunity for surveillance or the effectiveness of lighting. Tall slender trees with a crown of above 2m rather than low crowned species are more suitable than "round shaped" trees with a low crown. New trees

should not be planted within parking areas or too close to street lighting. Any hedges should be no higher than 1m, so that they do not obscure vulnerable areas.

14. The Access Control, Doorsets and Windows should also meet SBD Commercial 2015 advised standards. Any public access to commercial units should be restricted to one main public/visitor entrance into the building. Reception, Audio/Visual systems linking to the reception or personnel managing access control is essential for businesses that could attract crime risk (we can advise). For doorsets, we recommend minimum standards of PAS 24:2022, LPS 1175: Issue 7, SR2, STS 201 or STS 202: Issue 3, BR2. Units may require additional strengthening for some uses.

If approved, site security is required for the construction phase. There is a duty for the principal contractor "to take reasonable steps to prevent access by unauthorised persons to the construction site" under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007. The site security should incorporate plant, machinery, supplies, tools and other vehicles and be site specific to geography and site requirements.

9 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 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024, 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.

Dated: 18 July 2025

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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.