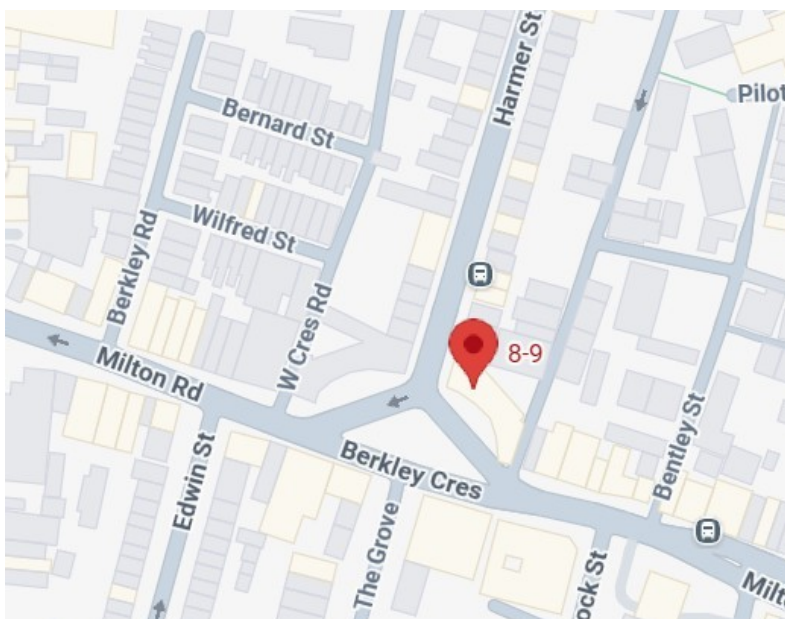


Heritage Statement

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8-9 Berkley Crescent, Gravesend, DA12 2AH



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8-9 Berkley Crescent in Gravesend is part of a grand crescent block [1-9, Berkley Crescent] designed by Brighton architect Amon Henry Wilds in 1830–1835. The location is widely known today as the site of the West Kent Drug & Alcohol Wellbeing Service operated by Change Grow Live (CGL), which provides free, confidential community-based support and rehabilitation. The wider Berkley Crescent is notable as a Grade II listed building. It forms the northern end of a formal north-south axis leading to Windmill Hill, and lies immediately next to the town's iconic Victorian Jubilee Clock Tower.

CGL have undertaken external works to erect a demountable wooden cabin in the yard to the rear of the property. There have been no alterations to the physical structure of any walls, paving or original features.

We can confirm that there has been zero impact to the original building characteristics and no alteration of any original features. Instead, the demountable wooden cabin enables us to provide an additional usable space without causing any lasting impact or compromising the aesthetic and structural integrity of the premises and its garden area.

When erecting the cabin, great care was taken by our contractors to preserve the existing finish and structure in the immediate area. The cabin itself is free standing without any foundations. It does not come into contact with any existing original features as the area of paving it is situated on does not form part of the original structure. The cabin is not connected to or supported by any structural or perimeter walls.

In summary, we feel that we have taken the sympathetic approach as to have minimum impact, whilst achieving an effective solution. We appreciate the challenges and nuances of carrying out alterations in the vicinity of original protected features and have gone to lengths to minimise this whilst still being able to achieve an outcome which satisfies the needs of our team. In addition to this, we have planned and proposed the installation in a way that all of the works could easily be reversed at a future date without there being any lasting impact on the area or any protected features.