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Dear Sir / Madam

Site: Former technical lab / offices at Northfleet Mill, Crete Hall Road, Northfleet, DA11 9AD
Application for prior notification of proposed demolition - Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2 Part 11

On behalf of my client, Kimberly Clark Ltd, please find an application for prior notification of proposed demolition of the former / lab office buildings at Northfleet Mill (as identified on the supporting plan reference 3001954-AME-NF-ZZ-DR-PL-6067. The proposed demolition works will facilitate the implementation of future development proposals for the site which are currently being prepared.

All demolition work is to be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS6187, using operatives appropriately skilled in this type of work. The demolition process will be undertaken using established demolition techniques which are not associated with any high risk of accident etc. The contractor will be required to protect site operatives and the general public during the course of the works. Works will be undertaken to ensure any disturbance to neighbours and the general public is minimised.

As a precaution, an assessment of the site and building in terms of its suitability for bats has been carried out by RSK, this confirms that the likelihood of bats using the building is negligible. In addition, the demolition contractor will be fully briefed of the relevant legislation and requirements in respect of protected species. Should the presence of bats be found during the demolition, work will cease immediately and advice sought from a suitably qualified ecologist prior to work re-commencing. It is noted that an informative to this effect has been applied to other similar applications in other local planning authorities.

The following information has been submitted in support of the application:

- Completed Prior Notification of Proposed Demolition Application Form dated 06 March 2026.
- Demolition Method Statement (CA Drillers).
- Asbestos Demolition Survey (Apollo Environmental).
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (RSK Biocensus)
- Site Logistics and Travel Management Plan.
- Site Location Plan (at scale 1:1250).
- Demolition Plan (at scale 1:500).
- Site Notice Photo (dated 06 March 2026).

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The above information has been submitted via the planning portal. If you require any further information in order to determine the application please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Under Part 11, Class B 'Demolition of Buildings', *any building operation consisting of the demolition of a building* is permitted development.

B.1 places restrictions on the above listing under (a) – (e) criteria where development is not permitted by Class B. None of these restrictions apply to the demolition proposed, as:

- The building has not been rendered unsafe or otherwise uninhabitable.
- The demolition is not "relevant demolition" under section 196D of the Act.
- The building was noted last used as a drinking establishment/ with expanded food provision; a concert hall; a venue for live performance; or a theatre.
- The demolition does not relate to a statue, memorial or monument.

We trust that the information supplied with this application is sufficient for the local planning authority to give written notice of their determination that prior approval is not required within the 28 day period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julian Austin". The script is cursive and elegant, with the first letters of "Julian" and "Austin" being capitalized and prominent.

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Director