

**Application: 20240574**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED)**

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| <b>NOTIFICATION OF GRANT OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND</b> |
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To: **Mr & Mrs Heard  
C/O Mr Alan Penfold, Penfold Project Services  
Epmarket  
Wrotham Road  
Meopham  
DA13 0JH**

**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:

**Gracy Lodge  
Valley Lane  
Meopham  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA13 0DG**

and being **Erection of a two-storey rear extension; Alterations and increase in roof height, including rear dormer and removal of chimney stack. Erection of a two-storey front porch with additional roof light windows to front and rear roof slopes.** Your application dated 27th June 2024 is permitted subject to the following:-

1. The development hereby approved shall be begun not later than 3 years following the date of this decision.

**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 schedule of approved plans:

- Application form;
- Drawing no. 01 - Plans & Elevations As Existing;
- Drawing no. 02A - Plans & Elevations As Proposed;
- Drawing no. 03 - Site Location Plan;
- Drawing no. 04 - Block Plan As Existing; and
- Drawing no. 05A - Block Plan As Proposed.

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

3. The materials used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall be in accordance with the details shown on Drawing no. 02A and the application form.

**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).

4. The en-suite and wc. windows in the flank elevations of the development shall be fixed shut and obscure glazed with the exception of any top hung fan light window that has a cill height of not less than 1.7 metres above the internal finished floor level of the room that it serves. The windows as permitted pursuant to this condition shall be installed in accordance with it prior to the first use of the room the window serves and shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with this condition at all times.

**Reason:** To prevent undue overlooking of the adjoining residential property in accordance with Policy CS19 of the 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 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.

##### **3 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.

Dated: 20 August 2024

Civic Centre  
Windmill Street  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA12 1AU

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Head of Planning  
Planning Service

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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.