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To Whom it May Concern

Gravesham Planning Application - Letter of Support

We are writing this letter to give our full support to Meopham Veterinary Hospital in its application to extend its facilities.

We run a boarding kennels, licensed by Gravesham Borough Council, and it is essential that any animal in our care has access to first class veterinary assistance, should the need arise.

Under our DEFRA licensing regulations we are obliged to have the support of a veterinary practice. This is both for emergency care and treatment for the dogs boarding. Our own canine healthcare plan is approved annually under the terms of our license. Meopham Veterinary Hospital provides us with other services such as cadaver storage. If the existing services are updated this will benefit, not only the dogs in our care, but give even greater assurance to our clients whilst they are away.

Meopham Veterinary Hospital is one of the few practices in the area that gives 24 hours in-patient consultancy and nursing. With improved facilities, it will benefit not only us as a business, but will benefit all Gravesham residents, giving access to a centre of excellence on their "door step" 365 days of the year.

The Covid pandemic has meant an increase of the population keeping animals/pets which has had the knock-on effect of increasing the demand for our services. A first class veterinary hospital is at the heart of animal welfare and if the proposed plans go forward, residents in the South East of England will be well served.

Yours faithfully

Nick & Jules Redfern