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Planning Department
Gravesham Borough Council
Civic Centre
Gravesend
DA12 1AU

Dear Sirs / Madam,

Re: 147 Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2NW

Please find enclosed copies of the drawings; together with completed applications forms comprising of a full plans planning application at the above site.

The Site and Location Assessment

Lower Higham Road is located off Rochester Road (A226) close to the town centre, within easy walking distance to the local amenities. The property is not listed and does not lie within any area of special designation. The property is semi-detached with land surrounding the house with some planting. The existing dwelling is finished in red brickwork and tile hanging under a tiled roof.

Proposed Development

The proposals are to extend the existing house to the rear with a single storey extension and new porch. The new space will provide a better sized family kitchen and dining space. The roof over the extension has been designed to sit lower than the main roof ensuring it is subservient to the main house. The neighbouring dwellings to the east and west have no habitable flank windows facing the site, and as such there would be no undue loss of light or outlook to the occupiers of these neighbouring dwelling. No flank windows are proposed within the proposed extension and the rear facing windows would not give rise to any additional opportunities for overlooking or loss of privacy.

Development Amount

The site has a total area of 0.04 Hectares. The existing house has a floor area of 88m², the proposed works will provide an additional 25m² of internal floor space.

Scale

The design has been kept in-line with the existing house and the buildings on the surrounding plots.

Appearance

The proposed extension has been designed to complement the existing properties in the area and allows for separation to other properties. External materials will be of a high quality and include brickwork and flat roof to match the existing house. The materials will be sourced in terms of colour and texture relating them to the local vernacular. The design seeks to mirror the agriculture style that is common in this part of Kent.

Access

Access to the dwelling will be unaffected by the proposed works although the larger entrance space will help with movement into the dwelling.

Should you have any queries on the above application or require any further information please contact us.

Yours Faithfully,

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