



Application: 20250068

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

NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND
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To: **Mr Peter Bleakley
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TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **REFUSED TO PERMIT** development of land situate at:

**131 Central Avenue
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 5BH**

and being **Raising of ridge height and construction of first floor side and rear extension, together with 1no. dormer on side/rear roof slope with roof lights and 2no. rooflights on southern elevation, to facilitate the conversion of the loft into habitable space.**

Your application dated 27th January 2025 is refused on the following grounds:-

1. By virtue of the excessive scale, bulk and massing of the proposed roof alterations and 2no. side dormers, the development cannot be considered to be subservient or sympathetic to the existing character of the dwelling and would not integrate well within the surrounding area. Therefore, the proposal is contrary to Policy CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of Gravesham's Local Plan Core Strategy (LPCS) (2014) and Section 12 (Achieving well-designed and beautiful places) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2024).
2. Due to the substandard size of Bedroom 3 and insufficient outlook to Bedrooms 1 and 3, the proposed development would not safeguard the amenity of future occupiers and would be contrary with Policy CS19 (Development and Design Principles) of Gravesham's Local Plan Core Strategy (LPCS) (2014) and Section 12 (Achieving well-designed and beautiful places) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2024).
3. Due to the first floor windows in the east facing gable, the development would result in an unacceptable level of overlooking over the private amenity areas of the neighbouring properties, resulting in a loss of privacy. As such the development is contrary to Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (September 2014) and paragraph 135(f) of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

INFORMATIVES:-

1 DECISION PLANS

For the avoidance of doubt, the forms, plans and documents upon which this decision is made comprise:

Planning Application Form;
Drawing No. CA-R00-EX-102 - Existing Floor Plan;
Drawing No. CA-R00-EX-103 - Existing Loft Plan;
Drawing No. CA-R00-EX-104 - Existing Roof Plan;
Drawing No. CA-R00-EX-105 - Existing Elevations;
Drawing No. CA-R00-EX-106 - Existing Elevations;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-101 - Site Plan_Location Map;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-102 - Proposed Floor Plan;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-103 - Proposed Floor Plan;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-104 - Proposed Roof Plan;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-105 - Proposed Elevations;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-106 - Proposed Elevations;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-107 - Proposed Sections;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-108 - Proposed 3D Views;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-109 - Proposed 3D Views;
Drawing No. CA-R00-PR-110 - Neighbouring Context; and
Fire Safety Statement.

2 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 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024, 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.

In this instance the application is not in accordance with the Development Plan for the area and cannot be supported, and the applicant/agent failed to engage with the formal pre-app service prior to submitting the application.

Dated: 21 March 2025

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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.