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Dear Mrs Webster

Re Land West of Norwood Lane Meopham Gravesend Kent DA13 0YE
Outline application with all matters reserved (except access) for a
development of up to 150 dwellings (Use Class C3), including affordable
dwellings, and associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure
works. Planning Application GR/2025/1116

Thank you for your letter of 21st November concerning the above. The Society notes the application is in relation to a scoping opinion for an environmental impact assessment. In the event of a planning application being submitted to develop the land, the subject of the opinion (the site), the Society would wish to register an objection to the application on the following grounds:-

- (a) The site is in an area within which Green Belt policies apply, between Meopham and Sole Street, Cobham. The proposal would contribute to the coalescence of the villages Meopham and Sole Street which would be in conflict with one of the fundamental objectives of Green Belt policy.
- (b) The site is in an area identified on the Provisional Agricultural Land Classification Map as Grade 2 land. It is an objective of land use planning policy to adopt an incremental approach to development, preserving land which is Grade 1, 2 and 3A from development.
- (c) It is stated in government policy that development should be sustainable. In the Society's view, constructing housing on high grade agricultural land cannot be considered sustainable.
- (d) The site is traversed by public foot path NS150 running between Hook Green Meopham and Green Lane. The rural character of the path will be destroyed if the area is developed.