

Dickens' Country Protection Society



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Dear Sirs

Re Queens Farm, Queens Farm Road, Shorne, Gravesend
Change of use of the existing livestock building to create x 5 light industrial (Use Class Eg(iii)/storage (Use Class B8) units with x 1 agricultural unit and installation of roof-mounted solar panels, along with the conversion of an existing agricultural unit in a building to the west of the site to a workshop (Use Class E).
Ref: GR/2026/0696

The Society has no objection to the conversion of the existing building but considers the use needs to be contained. These were new buildings to replace existing; erected isolated on an open field in the Green Belt. The Society would strongly suggest that if conversion is allowed, permitted development rights are withdrawn in order to maintain close control of the site.

The Society would question permitting storage (Use Class B8) since this may result in large numbers of vehicle movement on an inadequate road network.

The Society would suggest that conditions are imposed to control parking on site (minimum requirements and upper limit) too ensure that adequate parking is provided and prevent the storage of vehicles on site; no outside general storage should be permitted – in the interest of local amenity.

The comments are made particularly bearing in mind the breaches that have occurred in the adjacent Apex Business Park.

Yours faithfully,


Mrs P Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary