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Dear Mr Bonthron

Re Land South Of White Post Lane, White Post Lane, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent DA13 9AX
Change of use of the land for the stationing of 8 mobile homes for gypsy and traveller use,
erection of associated day rooms, soft landscaping and laying of hardstanding
(part retrospective). Application - **GR/2025/0764**

Thank you for your letter of 7th November 2025 concerning the above. The Society notes the site in question has previously been the subject of unauthorised development and was the subject of planning enforcement action. The enforcement action was the subject of an appeal which was refused and a requirement that specified unauthorised works should be removed.

Regarding application GR/2025/0764, the Society wishes to register a strong objection on the following grounds:

- (a) The site is outside the confines of any established settlement in an area where Green Belt policies apply where new residential development would not normally be permitted.
- (b) In the Society's view, the proposed development would have a serious impact on the openness of the Green Belt.
- (c) No special circumstances have been put forward which would warrant overriding Green Belt policy.
- (d) The site is isolated in open countryside. The road serving the site is a narrow country lane with a poor horizontal and vertical alignment unsuitable for any significant increase in traffic.
- (e) Services in the area are inadequate to support the proposed development.