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Dear Mr Lawal

Re 31 Manor Road, Sole Street, Cobham, Gravesend Kent DA13 9BW  
Erection of a single self build detached dwelling, and summerhouse  
on land to the rear of numbers 29 & 31 Manor Road, Sole Street.  
Application GR/2025/1300

Thank you for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> December concerning the above. The Society notes this application follows application 20250914 establishing access to the rear garden. In general the Society is not in favour of backland development and considers this proposed development as undesirable. There are concerns regarding the standard of amenity of the development; however, taking into account the pattern of development in the area, particularly the Baker Close development, it appears a precedent has been set and there is a dwelling behind what is assumed to be No 21 Manor Road. In terms of character and density the Society does consider there are grounds for objection.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs P Lippiatt  
Hon. Secretary