

Gravesham Borough Council
Planning Department
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
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10 June 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

Abbey Farm Barn, Church Street, Higham, ME3 7LS.
Planning application reference: 20260568

As a Parish Council, we feel it is in the best interest of our village and fellow residents to object to and provide comments for the planning application for 'Change of use of an agricultural building into 5 Holiday Let Accommodation Units.'

There were two previously submitted applications for this subject property, both refused by Gravesham Borough Council. One under reference 20230399 refused on 21.08.2023 and the second, 20240139 refused on appeal on 03.06.2024.

Higham Parish Council's concerns remain the same:

- The subject barn is situated within the Green Belt and councillors feel strongly about protecting such land from development, as well as not setting a precedent for similar land in the village and surrounding areas.
- The proposed holiday let would be accessible via a single-track road, which our councillors feel would be unsuitable for this type of business, where multiple vehicles would be accessing the property. Furthermore, during the build, there would be a considerable amount of construction traffic using this single-track road for access to the site.
- Concerns arise about the change of use of land, resulting in increased traffic volume through the village, which is an already busy village.
- Due to the current agricultural use of this barn, changing the use into 5 holiday lets would require extensive development and re-modelling, consequently altering the character within this conservation area.

Please consider our comments carefully when deciding on this planning application.

Yours faithfully



Rachael Martin

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Higham Parish Council