

Gravesham Borough Council
Planning Department
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
Gravesend
Kent DA12 1AU

27 June 2024

Dear Sir / Madam

**Objection to Planning Application 20240448
Giles Farm, Church Street, Higham, Kent, ME3 7LP**

As a Parish Council, we feel it is in the best interest of our parishioners to object to the planning application submitted for the above property for the "Conversion of existing farm office building, store and stables to a residential dwelling, ancillary home office/games room, garden storage and re-purposed stable. Erection of boundary walls, repositioned vehicular access and erection of new entrance gates and associated works."

Our councillors have several reasons to object to this planning application.

The subject property is situated within the Green Belt and our 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.

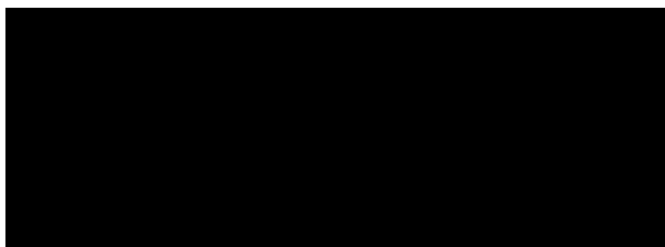
Moreover, the property conversion could change the character within a conversation area and Ramsar site, which our councillors feel is important to preserve.

Furthermore, the road to access the property is a single-track road and councillors feel this would be unsuitable for an increase of vehicles after the conversion is completed.

Finally, there is a lack of utility infrastructure in the area.

Please consider our objections and comments carefully when reviewing this planning application.

Yours faithfully



Linda Atkinson
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Higham Parish Council