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Dear Mrs Fisher

Re Land North Of High, View School Lane, Higham, Rochester Kent ME3 7HP
Application for Outline application with all/some matters reserved for the development of up to 50 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), vehicular access road from School Lane, internal roads, car parking, landscaping, public open space, and other associated works and infrastructure. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access.
Planning Application **GR/2026/0223**

Thank you for your letter of 2nd March concerning the above. The Society notes the site is in an area in which Green Belt policies apply where development would not normally be permitted, between Taylors Lane and School Lane, north of High View.

The existing use is arable agriculture (previously orchard). The land is shown on the Provisional Agricultural Land Classification Map as Grade 2. Government have indicated that a sequential approach should be adopted to development and that grade 1, grade 2 and grade 3a land should be conserved.

This site separates Upper and Lower Higham and would be better left undeveloped or continue to remain open for as long as possible in any development programme.

Considering the current application, a single access point to the development could be a problem if this becomes obstructed. There is also an issue regarding the capacity of School Lane to carry increased traffic.

Yours sincerely


Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary