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Dear Sirs

Re Brookers Farm, Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend, DA13 0XE
Application for retrospective temporary consent for the erection of 41 wine
fermentation and storage tanks.
Planning Application Ref: GR/2023/0454

With regards to the above application, the Society would wish to object on the grounds that the site is in an area within which Green Belt Policies apply and the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In this area the maintenance of the quality of the landscape is of particular importance.

In the Society's view the manufacturing plant requiring planning consent is not directly concerned with the growing and harvesting of grapes and the processes to be carried out do not have to be undertaken on this site. Large, polished stainless steel tanks and their associated pipework is alien to the rural environment in this area, and visually intrusive.

The reference to the Millington v Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions appears misplaced. The Society understands this case relates to the retail sale of wine from a winery which had the benefit of planning consent. The Society is not aware of any planning application being made for a winery on this site.

Yours faithfully


Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary