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**FAO Mrs Katherine Parkin , Case Officer application 20221258  
RE Rutherford Stables, Hermitage Rd, Higham**

Dear Mrs Parkin

At the Planning Committee meeting of Higham Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 the committee unanimously agreed to make an objection to the above planning application as it would have a detrimental effect on the area. It lies in the Green Belt within which inappropriate development should not be approved except in very special circumstances which we the Parish Council believe does not apply to this application under the National Planning Policy Framework rev20/07/2021. The members of the committee also felt concerned that the closure of the Livery Stables would affect other businesses in Higham as footfall could drop when current horse owners would have to find alternative yards outside of the village. Furthermore the Parish Council are aware of three previous applications to turn the stables into dwellings and feel the same reasons for objections apply to this application.

Yours sincerely



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