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Dear Sirs

Re Willow Tree Farm and Holly Cottage, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Gravesend,
DA13 0AH
Demolition of existing Holly Cottage, creation of new shared access route, and
the re-building of a replacement 4 bedroom chalet-bungalow with detached
double garage on the site frontage and erection of 7 No. new 4 bedroom houses
with integral double garages in gated development to the rear of the new Holly
Cottage, and part rear garden of Willow Tree Farm.
Planning Application GR/2021/1118

The Society has considered the above application noting that the site is in the Green Belt and Gravesham is under pressure to allow development for housing. It is also noted that the secondary school has been built in the Green Belt as an allowable use in view of the large amount of open space in relation to the buildings.

The Society wishes to register an objection to the application on the following grounds:-

- (a) The site is in an area in which Green Belt Policies apply where new residential development would not normally be permitted and no very special circumstances have been put forward that would warrant overriding Green Belt policy.
- (b) The proposal would result in a high density, undesirable form of backland development on the west side of Wrotham Road which is largely undeveloped.