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Dear Sirs

Re Barn North of Abbey Farm Barn, Church Street, Higham, Rochester, ME3 7LS
Change of use of an agricultural building into Five Holiday Let Accommodation Units
REF: GR/2024/0139

The Society would wish to register an objection to this application on the grounds that the site is in an area within which Green Belt Policies apply where new residential development would not normally be permitted. No very special circumstances have been put forward to warrant overriding Green Belt Policy.

In the Society's view the barn building is not suitable for conversion. The building requires too much new building for it to be considered suitable for conversion.

The development, if permitted, is likely to result in associated changes and additions relating to its residential use to the detriment of the rural character of the area.

The site immediately adjoins an area protected under the International RAMSAR Convention where any activity likely to impinge on wildlife (by virtue of human activity and disturbance from pets, etc) should be avoided.

Church Street is approached by a single-track road and any development likely to result in an increase in traffic should be avoided.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary