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Gravesham Borough Council -Planning Department,
Civic Centre,
Windmill Street,
Gravesend, Kent,
DA12 1AU
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Dear Planning department

I have been asked as a haulier to give my professional view on the planning application for Cobham House Vineyard DA12 3AA (20240544) and to highlight the dangers of having Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling regularly on narrow country lanes to a vineyard that has poor access. In my view this would be potentially disastrous.

As a haulier we can never guarantee that our vehicles would not damage grass verges when travelling down unsuitable lanes, on assessing the lane there are very few passing points and the likelihood of having to use private drives to access the site would not be ideal. May I also add that Gold Street or Batts Road does not have pedestrian pavements. We would also be concerned with the possibility of meeting horse riders on such a small lane and not being able to give them the distance required for them to pass and due to the blind bends we would be unable to see what could potentially be ahead.

The video I received regarding the lane is a false reflection of the potential risk an HGV would have when travelling along such a hazardous road.

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