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Dear Mrs K Parkin,

Re Land At Brookers Farm Luddesdown Road Luddesdown Gravesend Kent DA13 0XE
Engineering works to construct a formal car parking area for Vineyard Farms Ltd office,
and winery and vineyard workers; and other users of Brookers Farm.
Planning Application **GR/2023/1110**

Thank you for your consultation letter of 8th November 2023 concerning the above planning application. The Society notes the site is in an area within which Green Belt Policies apply and the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the east side of Luddesdown Road south of the existing farm complex. It is noted in the Applicants Statement reference is made to 60 permanent workers (it does not state if these are part time or full time). It is further noted that the description does not make reference to visitors.

The previous application for a carpark made under reference GR/2023/0181 did refer to visitors in paragraph 1.4.1 of the planning statement. The Society is concerned in general that only traffic essential to the operation of the Vineyard and Winery should visit the site.

One of the attributes of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty should be tranquillity. In an attempt to maintain this and as far as is reasonably practical reduce traffic on narrow rural roads to a minimum any expansion or diversity on the site should be controlled.

The Society notes that the details of proposed car park include landscaping. There may be some value in adding to this.