

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 04/05/2024 2:43 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Barn North Of Abbey Farm Barn Church Street Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7LS
Proposal:	Change of use of an agricultural building into Five Holiday Let Accommodation Units.
Case Officer:	Mrs Alison Webster

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Kent Terrace Church Street Higham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I know the site very well having lived up the road from it for over 30 years. I object to this proposal for holiday accommodation on a few grounds: i) it's at the bottom of the dead-end of Church Street, a single track road which already has problems with traffic. Construction work alone will be very disruptive. Holiday visitors' vehicles using the lane will put more pressure on passing places and vulnerable verges may be damaged even more than they already are. ii) it's only a few metres away from a RAMSAR site, and bats frequent the existing barn. I can see from the submissions that no survey has been done by the applicants on the impact on wildlife. This is very concerning. iii) The outline proposal says 5 x 1 bed units but the plans show 2 double-bedrooms. Why this misinformation? 2 beds means that two sets of people could be holidaying together, meaning 2 cars per unit. This increases traffic. iv) They are proposing to build on a flood plain and to use the existing watercourse for drainage. There will be oil and heavy metals run-off from the new tarmac road and from vehicles into the watercourses and ditches. This will seriously damage the fragile marsh ecology of this area.
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Kind regards