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Dear Mrs Parkin

Re Land North Of Camer Road, Meopham, Gravesend Kent
Request for a scoping opinion in accordance with The Town and
Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations
2017 in respect of an EIA Scoping Opinion in relation to proposals for
the redevelopment of Land North of Camer Road, Meopham.
Planning Application **GR/2025/0900**

Thank you for your letter of 16th September concerning the above. The Society notes the application is in relation to a scoping opinion for an environmental impact assessment. In the event of a planning application being submitted to develop the land, the subject of the opinion (the site), the Society would wish to registrar an objection to the application on the following grounds:-

- (a) The site is in an area within which Green Belt policies apply, between Meopham and Cobham-Sole Street. The proposal would result in the coalescence of the villages Meopham and Sole Street which would conflict with one of the fundamental objectives of Green Belt policy.
- (b) The site is in an area identified on the Provisional Agricultural Land Classification Map as Grade 2 land. It is an objective of land use planning policy to adopt an incremental approach to development, preserving land which is Grade 1, 2 and 3A from development.
- (c) The site is traversed by public foot path NS192 running between Hook Green Meopham and White Post Lane, Sole Street, including a bridge over the Victoria railway line. The rural character of the path will be destroyed if the area is developed.
- (d) It is questionable if the existing infrastructure in the area is adequate to service the level of development being envisaged.