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Dear Sirs

Re Buildings North of Hill Farm, Taylors Lane, Higham, Rochester, ME3 7JT
Application for a determination as to whether prior approval is required for
conversion of existing agricultural storage buildings north of Hill Farm House
to 3 no. dwellings, including the insertion of windows, glazed doors, first floors
and roof lights to ensure all habitable rooms are naturally lit.
Planning Ref. GR/2024/0186

The Society believes that because of the previous use of the buildings as a garage, the prior
approval procedure is inappropriate and a full planning application is required.

In the event of the application being submitted the Society would object on the grounds:

1. 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.
2. The road access to the site is inadequate. Taylors Lane is narrow and unsuitable to carry any significant increase in traffic.
3. In some cases it is questionable if the buildings are suitable for conversion.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary