

Dickens' Country Protection Society



Gravesham Borough Council
Planning and Regeneration Services
Service Manager (Development Management)
Civic Centre
Windmill Street
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8th December 2022

Dear Sirs

Re Rutherford Stables, Hermitage Road, Higham, Rochester,
Conversion of the Livery Stable and tack rooms into
2 x four bedroom residential dwellings with associated car
parking and bin storage facilities.

We refer to the above planning application, your reference GR/2022/1258 and would make the following comment.

The Society would wish to raise an objection on the grounds that the site is in the open countryside outside the confines of any established settlement in an area where 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.

The building is visually intrusive in the open countryside and its use should not be consolidated.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary