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Application ref 20260630

Land Adjacent To 4 Cheneys Cottages Thong Lane Shorne Gravesend Kent DA12 4AA

Permission in principle application; For erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works.

The Parish Council has some comments and concerns as follows:

Location:

- This piece of land is located in Shorne Parish, in the Thong Conservation Area.
- It is located in the Green Belt where new dwellings would not normally be permitted, and would be considered inappropriate by definition. No “very special circumstances” to warrant overriding this restriction have not been put forward by the applicant.
- The piece of land has always been open, and therefore contributes positively to the overall ambience of the area and the streetscene, as well as it being located close to other historic buildings which will be affected.

Proposed design:

- The proposed design is wider than adjacent existing buildings and set slightly further back from the roadway.
- The design is broadly similar to, but not exactly the same as that of the cottages and other local buildings. The design could be improved so as to be more compatible, particularly the roofline, shape of the front dormers and possibly removal of the barn hips which are out of character.
- Materials used should also be equivalent to existing, with more detail needed.

Other aspects:

- Permitted development rights should be withdrawn from any permission.
- The Supporting statement refers to demolition of “the rear outbuilding and shed” of No.4 as part of the proposals. It needs to be clarified as to which structures are included before a decision on acceptability can be made.