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Dear Sirs

Re Ewhurst, Bowesden Lane, Shorne, Gravesend, DA12 3LA
Demolition of existing self-contained annexe and side porch and
outline application for the erection of a 3 bedroom detached dwelling

We refer to the above planning application, your reference GR/2022/0791 and would make the following comment.

The Society would wish to object on the grounds that new dwellings are only permitted in the Green Belt under very special circumstances. In the Society's view no very special circumstances sufficient to warrant overriding Green Belt Policy, have been put forward. The fact that an annexe already exists should not influence the matter.

The annex is fully described in the application to the extent that it is to be used as a 'granny annexe' that is to be occupied by a member of the family and rooms are listed as 'comprising sitting room, bedroom, bathroom and hallway'. That is as applied for, there is no kitchen included and by definition it is dependant on the services of the main dwelling, to be used only as an annexe.

Without produce the Society would observe that based on the block plan, drawing No BL-A-001-A if permitted the proposal would result in a cramped form of development, out of character with the area. In the Society's view the proposal, if permitted, would have an impact on the openness of the Green Belt.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary