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Dear Ms L Williams

Re 'Tawahi' Telegraph Hill, Higham, Rochester Kent ME3 7NW
Erection of a double storey front and rear extension with alterations
to fenestration which includes 3 Juliet balconies. Erection of a
single storey side extension and conversion of garage with 2 roof
lights. Conversion of loft area to habitable space with 2 dormer
windows, 6 rooflights and a sky lantern. Application GR/2023/1232

Thank you for your letter of 18th December 2023 concerning the above. The Society notes the site is within the village envelope adjoining a wooded public open space. The proposed front extension would replace the existing single storey extension with a lean to roof which is a little incongruous. It is not clear what is being proposed above the front window in the new bay. The volume being added to the property is significant and on another site would give rise to objection. On this particular site the development is unlikely to impinge on neighbouring properties. There is some concern over creating a precedent.

In view of the amount of floor space being added, if consent is granted, the Society would suggest the permitted development rights are withdrawn. Had this development been proposed in the Green Belt it is likely the Society would have registered an objection.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary