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Dear Mrs Webster

Re The Haven, Brimstone Hill, Meopham, Gravesend, Kent DA13 0BN
Demolition of two dwellings, erection of 2No. contemporary dwellings,
with associated parking, garden land and landscaping.
Application GR/2023/1259

Thank you for your letter of 15th December 2023 concerning the above. The Society notes the site is in an area within which Green Belt Policies apply, bordering on the North Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Society is concerned at the quantum of development that has taken place historically on this site including significant engineering works. Taking into account that one of the existing buildings, the subject of the application, was originally permitted on a two-year consent to facilitate the reconstruction of the main dwelling, and the other was a conversion of an existing building, the Society questions if redevelopment is appropriate in this Green Belt location.

The proposed buildings are out of character with the area and may impact visually on the ANOB which they would overlook.

In the Society's view, the redevelopment should not be permitted. In the Society's view, there are no very special circumstances to warrant overriding Green Belt Policy.

Yours Sincerely


Mrs P A Lippiatt
Hon. Secretary