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Dear Mrs Webster

Re Abbey Farm Barn, Church Street, Higham, Rochester Kent ME3 7LS
Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed;
Change of use of an agricultural building into five holiday let accommodation
units, of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)
(England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R.
Planning Application **GR/2026/0568**

The above application has come to the Society's notice, and the Society would like to make the following representations. The Society wishes to register an objection to the application on the following grounds:

- (a) The site is in an area within which Green Belt Policies apply where new residential development would not normally be permitted.
- (b) In the Society's view, the building of a light portal framed structure is not suitable for conversion to residential use and requires too much new building to be considered for conversion.
- (c) The site immediately adjoins an area protected under the International Ramsar Convention where any activity likely to impinge on wildlife life (intense human activity, disturbance from pets etc) should be avoided.
- (d) Church Street is approached by a single track road and any development likely to result in an increase in traffic should be avoided.