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Please ask for: [Redacted]
Tel: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

Your ref: [Redacted]

Our ref: [Redacted]

By email only –
[Redacted]

Date: 28 October 2016

Dear [Redacted],

Planning application for 225 residential dwellings at Land off Town Road, Cliffe Woods, Rochester (Application reference: MC/16/3669).

Thank you for your email to Gavin Barwell MP objecting to the above planning application. I am replying on his behalf.

I understand that the above planning application is due to be determined by Medway Council's Planning Committee on 16 November 2016. If the Council are minded to approve the proposal, your representations will be considered in deciding whether the Secretary of State should call in the planning application for his determination. It is not our policy to intervene in planning applications before the Council have had the opportunity to make a decision on an application, except in very exceptional circumstances. I have attached for your information the House of Commons Briefing Note on call-in policy.

I note your concern regarding the impact of the proposal on local facilities. It is for the Council to determine the detailed merits of planning applications and decide what, if any, financial contribution or conditions are appropriate. The Government has no remit to dictate these matters.

I hope you will understand that I cannot comment on the merits of your arguments because I must avoid prejudicing the Secretary of State's role should he decide to call the application in.

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Due to the volume of correspondence received in respect of this planning application, we will not be responding to other correspondents directly. Please note that a redacted copy of this response will therefore be published on the internet.

Please also note that as you have made representations about a planning application which is before the Secretary of State, it may be necessary to make your letter available to a third party should that party make a request for information on representations made to the Secretary of State on the application.

Any personal or identifying information will be removed before publication/release.

I will let you know the outcome in due course.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]