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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015 (AS AMENDED) - SCHEDULE 2, PART 3, CLASS MA**

REFUSAL

REFERENCE: DM/25/3100

DESCRIPTION: CHANGE OF USE FROM REDUNDANT RECORDING STUDIO TO RESIDENTIAL

LOCATION: STANBRIDGE FARM EAST RECORDING STUDIO,
STANBRIDGES, STANBRIDGE LANE, STAPLEFIELD

DECISION DATE: 20 JAN 2026

CASE OFFICER: CATHERINE CARDIN -
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The Council hereby confirm that **prior approval is refused** for the above development in accordance with the information submitted:

Information submitted by the Developer

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Submitted Date
Location Plan			03.12.2025
Existing Floor Plans			03.12.2025
Existing Elevations			03.12.2025
Existing Elevations			03.12.2025
Proposed Elevations			03.12.2025
Proposed Elevations			03.12.2025
Proposed Floor Plans			03.12.2025

The reasons for the Council's decision are:-

1. The application property lies within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The proposal therefore does not accord with all of the criteria set out under Class MA, Part 3, Schedule 2, of the GPDO (as amended).

INFORMATIVES

1. In accordance with Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (General Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern with the proposal and determining the application within a timely manner, clearly setting out the reason(s) for refusal, thereby allowing the Applicant the opportunity to consider the harm caused and whether or not it can be remedied as part of a revised scheme. The Local Planning Authority is willing to provide pre-application advice and advise on the best course of action in respect of any future application for a revised development.



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