



**Hathern Parish Council Response to Planning Application :**  
**P/19/2492/2 - No 24 Wide Lane, Hathern**

The Parish Council accepts that this plot is potentially suitable for new dwelling and would support a suitable planning application, however it has some significant concerns about this application as it stands.

We note that in the Officer's Report from the original outline planning application (P/18/2316/2), and under the section "Impact on Visual Amenity", comments that the new building should "ensure the development assimilates well into its immediate surroundings" and concludes that "it is considered that a suitably designed dwelling on this infill plot would make a positive contribution to the street scene". We support those aspirations wholeheartedly but, however, feel strongly that the current design is at odds with those statements. The inclusion of a ground floor below the surface level of the bank on which the properties either side sit appears incongruous - as an historic lane all the properties in the vicinity are at the top of a bank. This proposal disturbs the line of the bank by removing a large section for the ground floor and proposing car parking immediately adjacent to the pavement. Furthermore, the very modern design is not in character with properties in the street scene and the angular structure of the building disrupts the roof line of the existing bungalows.

The Parish Council is not against modern design at all and this building has its attractions, however it feels that this is an inappropriate location for such a dwelling. The Council cannot support this application currently as the proposed building isn't sufficiently sympathetic to its surroundings and is out of character with the historic nature of the immediate area.

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