



Hathern Parish Council Response to Planning Application :

P/19/2492/2 - No 24 Wide Lane, Hathern – Second Consultation July 2020

With reference to the revisions to this application contained within DM_APPPLANA, submitted from the architect on 29/06/2020.

Hathern Parish Council's original concerns and objections contained within our response to the first consultation still very much stand. We would ask that you revisit that response from January this year. The minor revisions proposed now simply do not address the key issues with this development. Again, we cite the Officer's Report from the original outline planning application (P/18/2316/2) that says that the new building should "ensure the development assimilates well into its immediate surroundings". The Council feels that it clearly does not do that – a two storey building of very modern design does not fit with its immediate surroundings at all here - that, we think, is obvious.

The Council is of the view that the fit of the design to the street scene is one of the most important design parameters for this location and the house, when built, will be with the village for many years and will pass through multiple ownership with differing needs. Such personal matters as mentioned in the email from the architect of the 4th May should not compromise that. The architect also mentions, by way of comparison, the new property on Loughborough Rd. This is completely irrelevant – the property is single storey, it is on the main A6 (not a narrow village lane), and does not sit within a similar extended street scene of existing residential properties.

There are also new concerns about parking provision at street level, changes to which appear to have made the situation more difficult to park and manoeuvre safely. The correspondence to you from Mr & Mrs Hughes at No 23 dated 15th July gives more precise details of that. We would endorse the range of issues and concerns raised by this correspondence as it covers many of the same commented on by ourselves here and in our previous response.

It is worth repeating what was said in our previous response; "the Parish Council is not against modern design at all... however it feels that this is an inappropriate location for such a dwelling". Nor are we against development per se – this is a valid in-fill site and given an appropriate development proposal the Council would support it.

Yours Faithfully

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