



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: 11 Fore Street, Hatfield, AL9 5AN

The application is for the enlargement of the current rear window, the installation of rear bi-fold doors and the replacement of doors and windows to the right hand side elevation at 11 Fore Street, Hatfield.

11 Fore Street is a grade II listed, three storey brick building dating from the early nineteenth century, which was formerly a butchers shop. The building forms part of a row of listed properties located on the south west side of Fore Street. The building is also located within Hatfield Conservation Area.

The proposed alterations to the rear elevation of the listed building comprise the removal of the existing arched window and French doors to the ground floor level and their replacement with timber bi-fold doors. It is considered that this alteration would erode the legibility and balance of the fenestration pattern to the rear elevation, which would dilute the buildings architectural interest. In addition, the proposed bi-fold doors would not be in keeping with the character of the listed building. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would cause harm to the significance of the listed building.

It is also proposed to replace the existing window to the second floor of the rear elevation and the existing windows and door to the west elevation of the rear projection with timber double glazed windows. There is no objection in principle to the replacement of the existing windows and door, however, it is considered that the design and detailing of the proposed windows would considerably alter the appearance of these elevations due to the change to the glazing bars, and therefore should be reconsidered to be in keeping with the character of the listed building.

In conclusion, I believe that the proposed works would cause harm to the significance of the listed building and I would therefore not be able to support the application from a conservation perspective.



Yours sincerely,

Hannah Rae
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Place Services

Note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter