



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Ref: 6/2021/2816/HOUSE
Date: 23/12/2021

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: 53 High Road, Essendon, Hatfield, AL9 6HS

The application is for extension of existing dropped curb.

The property is located within the Essendon Conservation Area.

Whilst there is no objection to the extension of the dropped kerb itself, there is an objection to the loss of the hedge and the dwarf rendered wall along the front boundary. This traditional boundary treatment, particularly the hedge, contributes to the character of this part of the Conservation Area and the verdant appearance of the streetscene on entering the historic core of the village from the south.

If a greater extent of the hedge were to be retained and meaningful replacement planting proposed within the front garden space then the concerns may be addressed. However, as proposed, the loss of the hedge and boundary wall is considered to result in some 'less than substantial' harm to the significance of the Conservation Area and paragraph 202 of the NPPF should be applied. The proposal is not considered to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, as per Section 72 (1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Yours sincerely

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

