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## HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

## RE: 24 Church Street, Hatfield, AL9 5AW

The application is for the installation of 1 x velux conservation rooflight, repairs to front dormer windows, replacement window sills to front elevation, replace canopy to front door, replace front entrance steps and general repair to mortar on front elevation.

The house is located within the Old Hatfield Conservation Area and is Grade II listed. Dating from the late eighteenth century, the house was formerly The Travellers' Rest Public House. It is two storeys above a basement with an attic lit by two front dormers.

The proposals have been revised to omit the front rooflight (better preserving the traditional appearance of the front roofslope) and to replace the cills with timber rather than stone (timber being a more in keeping with the local vernacular). It has also been confirmed that the rear rooflight will be positioned between existing rafters to avoid the unnecessary loss of historic fabric.

There are now no objections to the proposals as they are sympathetic to the building and the Conservation Area. There is no harm to the significance of the listed building or Conservation Area (as per Section 16 of the NPPF) and the special interest of the listed building will be preserved (as per Section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990).

If the application is approved, it is recommended that conditions require:

- The rooflight positioned to be flush with the roof tiles;
- Samples (including photographs) and details of stone and brick for steps; and
- Sample panel of repointing to show mortar colour and mix, and pointing profile.

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

