

**COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER: 6/2019/1688/HOUSE
ADDRESS: 69 LAVENDER CLOSE, HATFIELD, AL10 9FW**

I write in connection with the above planning application and as a neighbour living directly opposite to the property, we are obviously familiar with the site and impact of the proposed works. Upon review of the drawings we strongly object to the proposed extension based on the following reasons:

1. The length of the extension of circa 4m brings it closer to our property and with the windows being proposed will further overlook our property and we have serious concerns in regards to privacy to our side garden, kitchen and bedroom. Please note that between 30 Lavender Close and 33 Cornflower Way, where the distance between the two properties will be similar to our property and that being proposed, there is an absence of windows where I assume maintaining privacy was the key reason.
2. The material being proposed does not match the existing in terms of proportion of flint and brickwork. Currently the side elevation has an extensive flint finish which would be replaced with primarily less attractive brick wall. The proposed flint between the windows is significantly less than existing in both the side and front elevations and appears a token effort to match. Also, the proposed material is significantly different and inconsistent to that of the main house.
3. The proposed extension in combination with the main house in our view appears overbearing in terms of its scale and mass even though there is a slight setback to the front, side and roof level and is not in keeping with the immediate surrounding area and in Hatfield Village in general.
4. We would be concerned in regards to the access and parking required for contractors and the delivery of materials to the building site with access already restrictive and parking extremely limited in both Lavender Close and Cornflower Way. We also have concerns over safety for pedestrians, cyclists, playing children and the numerous dog walkers who frequently use this route to access the fields behind.
5. It is interesting and potentially concerning that a while back the property of 33 Cornflower Way was refused permission to reposition a fence as it was not in keeping to the 'open plan and feel' of Hatfield Village which you can appreciate is a much smaller proposition than that being proposed at 69 Lavender Close and therefore such development should be considered in the same way.
6. It also concerning that only four neighbours have been notified and the effect of the development is equally impactful to other immediate and adjacent neighbours ie. 33 Cornflower Way.