Proposed Development of Two Houses The Spinney High Road, Essendon, Herts, AL9 6HP **Design & Access Statement** Submitted in support of an Application for Planning Permission prepared by **Chassay Studio Ltd**, architects for Lime Interiors March 2016

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Lime Interiors is a development company based in St.Albans, Herts, with a track record of producing high quality developments in St.Albans and Brookmans Park.

The brief is to design two houses of high quality that will grace the beautiful setting that the site offers. The plans are laid out to suit a contemporary life style.

This report is accompanied by the following:

Planning Statement

by Dominic Lawson Bespoke Planning

Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment

by Scarp Landscape Architecture

Tree Report Arboricultural Impact Assessment Arboricultural Method Statement Tree Protection Plan

by ACD Arboriculture

Transport Statement Report

by JMP Consultants Ltd

Ecology Survey

by The Ecology Consultancy

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Site Location

The Spinney is a 2-acre plot located to the south of Essendon.

It is bordered on the west by the B158 High Road, from which the site is accessed.

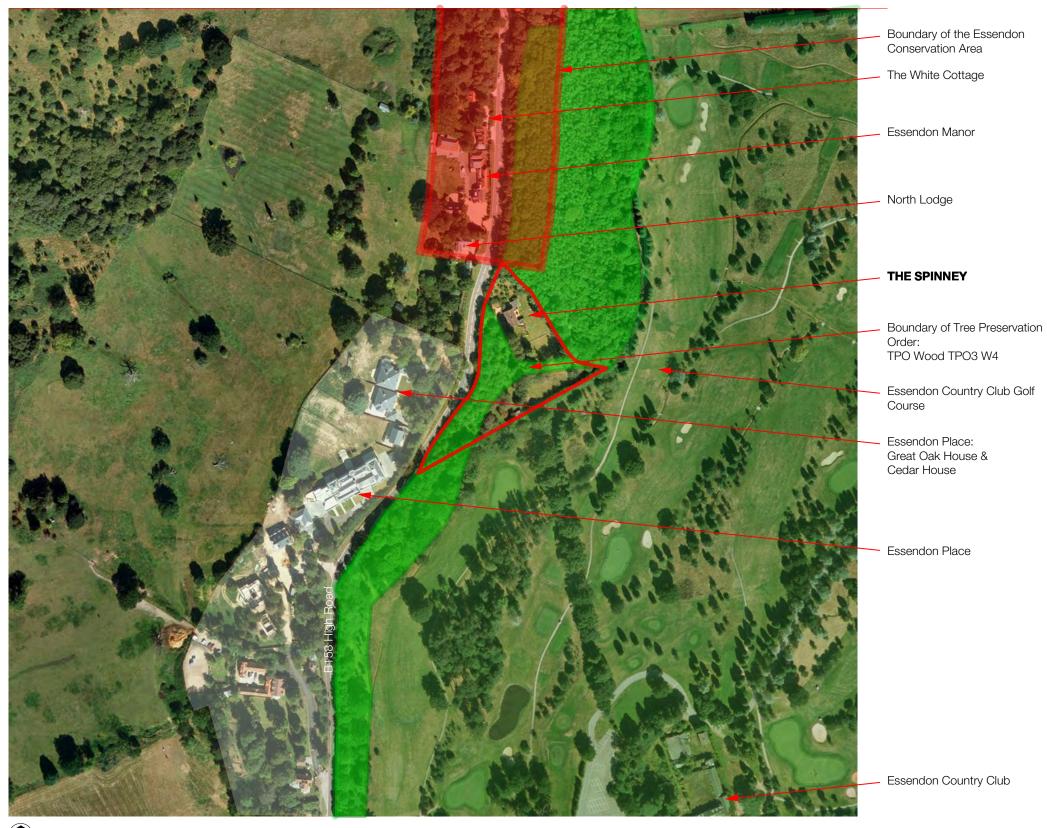
The north-east boundary of the site abuts privately owned broadleaf woodland.

The south-east boundary of the site abuts the golf course of Essendon Country Club.



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Site Location - Planning Constraints



The Spinney is outside the Essendon Conservation Area.

The site lies within designated Green Belt land.

A portion of the site is covered by a woodland Tree Preservation Order, reference TPO Wood TPO3 W4.



Site - Immediate Surroundings



The site is very densely screened by mature trees on all sides.

This includes not only the trees of the woodland to the north-east of the site but also trees planted on the golf course to the south and against the boundary with High Road to the west.

The existing house on the site was built as a pair of semi-detached cottages in the 1950s, known as Victoria Cottages and was then converted into a single dwelling in the 1970s and renamed The Spinney.

There is a single vehicle access onto the site via a gate from High Road towards the northern end of the site.

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Site - Immediate Surroundings



These aerial views show just how very well screened the site is by trees and hedges on all sides.



View from the south



View from the north



View from the west



View from the east

Analysis of the Character of the Houses in the Village



(1) Essendon House



2 Pond Cottage



(3) 42, 40 & 38 High Road



(4)32 High Road





8 16 & 14 & 12 High Road



The photographs shown on this page illustrate that the roofs of the houses are typically either pitched hipped roofs or pitched roofs with central ridges and gabled ends. There are just two houses with hipped roofs behind parapets: Essendon House and Essendon Place.

We have carried out a photographic study of the houses on the south side of the village from Essendon House along High Road as far south as Essendon

Roof materials

Place.

Roof forms

There are houses with roofs in natural slate and houses with roofs of clay tiles.

Wall materials

The predominant materials for the external walls are painted render and red brick. There are two examples of houses with painted timber weatherboarding to the upper storey.



(5)30 & 28 High Road

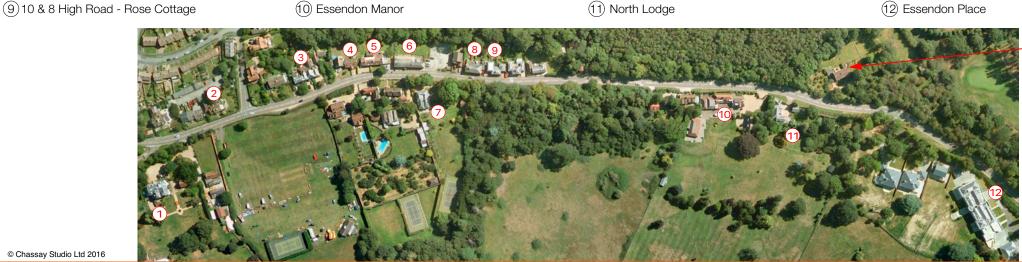




(11) North Lodge



(12) Essendon Place



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