From: Matthew Heron

Subject: Planning Application Ref 6/2016/0394/FULL - The Spinney, Essendon.

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Dear Mr Heron.

I have already written comments online to support the above application but after further thought over the weekend I remembered other recent developments in the village which were of a similar nature. Also there is the potential for further similar development with the three properties which are shown on the Draft Local Plan Ess5, Ess6 and Ess7 which, if incorporated, would add a further 28 dwellings. The most notable of which would be demolition of the Rose and Crown and replacement with 6 dwellings.

In the recent past there have been developments in the village which include the following:

Essendon Place – demolition of outbuildings and staff accommodation blocks, which provided a footprint for replacement with 6 new large detached properties

Essendon Place Farm – conversion of stables into 2 properties

Hatfield London Country Club – demolition of two farm cottages adjacent to the Club House and barn adjacent to Pulham House and erection of large detached house and double garage on barn site

Bedwell Park – conversion of main house into apartments; the footprint of the various outbuildings converted into 20 courtyard/mews houses and 3 large houses

Hitchins Yard – demolition of workshops and garages to provide the footprint for 6 new linked properties

All the above have been built using the footprint of old, unprepossessing outbuildings or properties to create attractive new homes. The first two developments are opposite The Spinney and the third and fourth developments are on the property adjacent to the Spinney. The Essendon Place and Hitchins Yard developments are visible from the road. I have never known a village planning application have so much local support and I have lived in this village for 40 years and was on the Parish Council for over 15 years. I believe there is local precedent which would support this application and feel that it is more in keeping with the properties opposite and enhances the appearance of that part of the village.

I live in an adjacent property and fully support this application and hope that the Council is minded to grant permission.

Yours sincerely

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