

Little Berkhamsted Parish Council

www.littleberkhamsted.org.uk

Chairman:
Christopher Nunn
Trewinnard House
Little Berkhamsted
Hertford
SG13 8LS
Tel: 01707 874299
Email: cnunn@bopenworld.com

Clerk:
Graham Irwin
26 Fanshaws Lane
Brickendon
Hertford
SG13 8PF
Tel: 01992 511697 Fax: 0870 116 3398
Email: graham@compassion-in-business.co.uk

11 June 2007

Ms Jill Stevens
East Herts Council
Wallfields
Pegs Lane
Hertford SG13 8EQ

Dear Ms Stevens

LPA Ref: 3/07/1011/FP/JS – Two storey rear, side and front extensions; 31 Church Road

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2007 inviting comments on the above application.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the application as it considers the proposed extension to be grossly excessive in relation to the present scale of the property and likely to have a very detrimental effect on the appearance of the property and its neighbours and on the visual amenities of a Landscape Conservation Area.

31 Church Road forms part of a pair of semi-detached cottages (nos 25, 27, 29 and 31 Church Road) which are presently similar in style and size and of generally pleasing appearance. 31 Church Road occupies a highly visible position as it is the first dwelling on the right in Church Road on the rising approach to Little Berkhamsted through fields from the Epping Green direction.

The application would enlarge the house upwards and outwards in three directions and result in its physical domination of the neighbouring properties, especially no 29. The substantial extension of the front of the property would transform its appearance in a highly negative manner in the context of its position and the locality. The rear extension into the garden would significantly disrupt the building line at the back of the properties and have an adverse effect on the enjoyment of their amenities by the occupants of no 29. The south facing side of the property would become a two storey elevation extended right up to the edge of the public footpath which runs along the field adjoining the property. The overall effect is wholly disproportionate and incongruous and would damage irreversibly the character of a prominent part of the village. The Council therefore urges East Herts Council to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

Graham Irwin
Clerk to the Parish Council