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Ms Jill Stevens
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Dear Ms Stevens

LPA Ref: 3/07/2051/FP – Two storey side extension with rear first floor juliet balcony and single storey front extension; 20 Goddards Close

Thank you for your letter of 16 October inviting comments on the above planning application.

The Parish Council does not object to the application provided that the rear first floor balcony railing is just a façade outside the full-length window and does not incorporate a platform providing side views which could invade the privacy of adjacent properties at 19 and 21 Church Road.

The Parish Council notes that a recent application (LPA Ref: 3/07/1371) for a similar two storey side extension at 1 Goddards Close (which is opposite to No 20) was refused on 23 August 2007 for reasons, inter alia, of being of excessive size in relation to the existing dwelling and detrimental to the appearance of the street scene as a whole. The Council also notes that a two storey side extension was permitted at 19 Goddards Close (which adjoins No 20) in 2002 under LPA References 3/02/1454 and 3/02/2286, albeit that this is of somewhat different scale and appearance to the extensions proposed at Nos 1 and 20.

It is clearly important that decisions on planning applications should be seen to be consistent, particularly where neighbouring properties are concerned. The Parish Council therefore trusts that the decision reached on the present application at No 20 can be rationalised in terms of uniform application of policy with those referred to above which have previously been taken for Nos 1 and 19.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to the Parish Council