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Ms Jill Stevens
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Dear Ms Stevens

LPA Ref: 3/08/0031/FP – Two storey side extension and part two storey and part single storey rear extensions, front bay and change to render finish, front porch and increase width of crossover; 13 Goddards Close

Thank you for your letter of 14 January inviting comments on the above planning application.

The Parish Council objects to the application as it considers that it is contrary to Policies ENV1, ENV5 and ENV6 of the East Herts Local Plan Second Review April 2007 for the following reasons:

1. The proposed rear extension is of a scale that would appear unbalancing and excessive in size, to the detriment of the appearance of the existing and adjacent dwellings and would significantly detract from the amenities of the neighbouring properties by overshadowing and loss of privacy.
2. The proposed extensions are of a poor standard of design with an inappropriate choice of construction materials. The render finish (presumably covering block construction) of the extensions would not be matching or complementary to the appearance of the existing dwelling which has all brick walls, as do the other houses in Goddards Close. In this setting, partial rendering of the walls of no 13 would be totally out of keeping with the character of the area as a whole.
3. The Parish Council notes that Section 8 of the application form asserts that the proposed works will not affect existing car parking arrangements whereas the plan shows that the existing garage will be demolished and existing parking space at the side of the house will be taken up by the side extension. The application to increase the width of crossover is presumably to enable more vehicles to be parked in front of the house and the Council is concerned that this will be of further detriment to the street scene.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to the Parish Council