

Hitchin Forum

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NHC Planning Control
Gernon Road
Letchworth Garden City
SG6 3JF

Attention of Andrew Hunter

Dear Sirs

Planning Application 25/00663/PNMA

The Exchange Hitchin Herts

Creation of 6 self-contained residential units.

I am writing to you on behalf of Hitchin Forum.

We have the following objections:-

- The 6 number Lower Ground Floor flats will have natural lighting only from high windows at pavement level, giving a claustrophobic situation for residents and no privacy from passing pedestrians. Note the existing window openings to these flats are not presently glazed, but have metal louvres and blanking plates.
- There is no allocated parking for any of the flats. Some residents will have cars and there will be cars and vans belonging to those visiting/delivering.
- The brickwork alterations involved in effecting changes to the fenestration will likely mar the appearance of the building. The new brickwork and pointing required will not match the existing. The existing window openings are neatly detailed being steel-framed in rebated stone surrounds and stone cills. Will the new surrounds have the same appearance?

We have previously objected to a very similar scheme, and the above objections have been made before. They still apply for this submission.

Yours faithfully

Neil Dodds

On behalf of Hitchin Forum