

LANESIDE
5 GREEN LANE
ASHWELL
HERTS
SG7 5LW

Attn Melissa Tyler
NHDC Planning
By email melissa.tyler@north-herts.gov.uk
29 May 2025

Dear Sirs

Re 24/02214/FP Land to rear of 7 Green Lane, Ashwell Herts SG7 5LW

We are writing in response to your letter of 14 May 2025, of which you sent us two copies separately, received on 22 May giving us little time to submit our objections before the deadline of 30 May. (All our previous comments and objections remain)

The junction with Station Road is dangerous. Traffic from the south travelling towards the Morden appears suddenly as the visibility is poor, and on the wrong side of the road, and often making no concession in speed for either the Lucas Lane or Green Lane junction. It is hazardous now, and the extra traffic generated by the proposed development will only exacerbate this situation.

The bottleneck in Green Lane between The Maltings and No 7 cannot be improved. Emergency vehicles outside No 5 effectively block the lane as was proved last summer when an ambulance was outside No 5 for at least half an hour and then with a low loader to collect a car from No 7.

The amendments to the proposal do nothing to address these major stumbling blocks. Two previous developments have been rejected, appealed and dismissed in 2016 and 2018.

This is a conservation area, and the proposed development would have a major impact on ourselves living as we do on the narrow section of the lane, and on the wildlife we have here, mainly the bats.

Lastly, and equally importantly, the applicant has no legal means of accessing the site. It requires all our permissions to dig it up and travel along it.

Yours faithfully

PJ and J Gates