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My ref: (CC0858)

Date: 19 August 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**Change of use from Class C3 (residential) to Class C2 (Children's' Care Home),
construction of single storey annexe, ground floor side extension, removal of 1no. tree,
and associated works at 54 Station Road, Ashwell, Hertfordshire, SG7 5LS**

I have received the above application for planning permission, for deposit and entry on the Planning Register. The Case Officer for this application is Ms Ria Griffiths. Please be advised that the statutory period commenced on 17 August 2026. All documents supporting this application including the 'screening opinion' adopted by this Authority required by the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 can be found online at: <https://planning.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>. Here you can enter in the application reference number: PL/0592/26 and click on the search button at the bottom of the page and this will take you directly to the application details.

Please ensure that the screening opinion is placed on the register you hold in this respect.

Please would you advise the Case Officer as to the date when the application was entered into the register and the number allocated to it.

The purpose of this letter is also to consult your Authority in accordance with Article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 for any comments it may wish to make on the planning merits of the application as well as for the Council's views on any highway, drainage or other matters for which it may have responsibility. The application is being publicised in accordance with the County Council's normal procedures.

A response by 17 September 2026 would be appreciated, or, if this is not possible because of your Committee dates, please could you confirm when it will be reported to your Members and when I can expect a written response from you. This is important if proper consideration is to be given to your Council's views and if the application is to be determined by the County Council within the statutory period.

If the Case Officer does not hear from you at all by 17 September 2026, it may be assumed that your Authority does not wish to make any comments on this application.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the Case Officer on the numbers above, should you wish to discuss any matter further.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Owen', with a stylized, flowing script.

Brian Owen
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