

Henry Thomas  
Planning Officer – NHC

12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Henry

**25/01197/PNQ : Prior Approval Class Q Agric to Dwelling : Change of use of agricultural buildings to ten (10) dwelling houses with associated building operations, private gardens and car parking : Slip End Farm, Royston Road, Slip End, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6SG**

Ashwell Parish Council recognise the changes made to the 2024 planning application to reduce size, parking considerations, and that this application no longer breaches the ancient monument ground. The housing mix also appears to conform to that prioritised in the Ashwell Neighbourhood Plan.

Whilst the Parish Council are aware that the site is not sustainable and falls outside of the 2<sup>nd</sup> boundary, it must recognise that most Class Q applications are likely to be in rural areas.

Should the planning application be approved, Ashwell Parish Council request that air source heat pumps are installed and that solar photovoltaics are placed on roofs, as agricultural buildings are ideal for these applications.

The Parish Council also wish to ensure that any approval on Class Q sites does not extend to implicit approval outside of Class Q should a subsequent amended application be submitted.

It was therefore resolved that Councillors have no objection providing the following is considered:

- If granted, no amended application extending to implicit approval outside of Class Q is accepted.
- Air-source Heat Pumps are installed and that Solar Photovoltaics are installed on roofs.

Ashwell Parish Council will also apply for S106 monies and would be grateful if you could advise the date they need to submit their application by. Please can you urgently advise if it is before 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025?

Yours sincerely



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