

COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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Planning Application 5/2023/2560 - Valid From 18/12/2023

9 Station Road Smallford St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 0Ha
Removal of outbuilding, create two storey side and rear extension and loft conversion

Reference Number 5/2023/2560

Location 9 Station Road Smallford St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 0Ha

I am writing on behalf of Colney Heath Parish Council who would like to register their formal objection to this planning application. As parish councillors and concerned residents of the Colney Heath Parish, councillors have carefully reviewed the details of the application and wish to express their objection based on the following grounds:

Inappropriate Mass and Scale - The proposed building's mass and scale are not in harmony with the surrounding area. The neighbourhood maintains a distinct character and this proposed development, with its increased size, would disrupt this character, leading to visual disharmony and a loss of local identity.

Non-Alignment with Housing Needs - The conversion from a 3-bedroom to a 5-bedroom property fails to address the housing needs identified by the St Albans District Council. The proposed development does not align with the identified needs and instead exacerbates the mismatch between demand and supply in our community.

It is imperative that any developments within our neighbourhood are sensitive to the existing context and contribute positively to meeting the housing requirements identified by the local authority. Unfortunately, this application falls short on both counts.

In light of these comments the Parish Council would urge you to carefully reconsider the application and to take into account the concerns raised.

Written and submitted by L Peters

Parish Clerk

06/02/2024