



FAO: Planning Department,
Rochford District Council

Ref: 23/00949/FUL
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BUILT HERITAGE ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Land West Of 4, Spruce Drive, Hawkwell, Essex

Built Heritage Advice pertaining to an application for: *Erection of 4 detached dwellings with associated parking, garaging, servicing, open space, landscaping, drainage and utilities. Formation of new vehicular access onto rectory road.*

The application site is located on the northwest side of Rectory Road. To the southeast of the site is the Grade II listed The Old Rectory (List Entry Number: 1322324). The Old Rectory is a two-storey house dating from circa 1830. The property is likely to be plastered brick and has a hipped slate roof and sliding sash windows with shutters.

The proposed plans have been amended since our previous advice dated 21st Dec 2023. In the amended plans the house located in Plot 2 has been moved to the northwest and the cart barn at Plot 2 has also been relocated and is now adjoining to the cart barn on Plot 1. Moreover, more greenery has been added to the garden areas and along Rectory Road. The relocation of the house and car barn on Plot 2 and result in more open green space has been created in the centre of the site, which, among the added greenery can be considered as a further mitigation of the potential harm to the significance of designated heritage asset. However, it is noted that to set back Plot 2, the 'car barn' for Plot 2 has been relocated to adjoin that for Plot 1.

In conclusion, the level of harm to the Grade II listed The Old Rectory has been reduced to a very low level. Therefore, Paragraph 208 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2023) continues to be relevant, and harm should be weighed against the public benefits of the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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