PLANNING COMMENT FOR APPLICATION REF: 5/2024/0950

Mr & Mrs Barrow

Support the Proposal

We live adjacent to the site known as 9a/b Rosebery Avenue and are in favour of the proposed development.

The applicants have taken considerable care over the presentation and design of the proposals, in consultation with local neighbours. The proposals are well considered: (i) they reflect the local Edwardian vernacular of the conservation area; (ii) they will significantly enhance the street scene, contrary to some previous designs which have been permitted from the 1970s onwards on Rosebery Avenue; and (iii) they will enhance the environmental impact on the conservation area by replacing a somewhat dilapidated building with one built of modern, quality materials.

We believe that it would be a mistake to refuse planning on the basis of St Albans' housing targets. In the past 10 years only one family has lived in 9b on a permanent basis and this was for a short period of time.