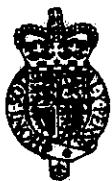


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Gentlemen,

Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 - Section 16
Land at Ebbarns Road, Hemel Hempstead
Appeal by Messrs. J. L. Constantine and Co.,

I am directed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to say that he has considered the report of his Inspector, Mr. J. R. M. Poole, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., M.R.S.H., on the local inquiry into your clients' appeal against the refusal of the Hemel Hempstead Borough Council, acting on behalf of the Hertfordshire County Council, to permit the erection of twenty-four maisonettes and twenty-four garages on land at Ebbarns Road, Hemel Hempstead.

2. The Inspector, a copy of whose report is enclosed, recommended that the appeal be dismissed for the reason that a four-storey block of maisonettes would be an inappropriate form of development of the site in question.

In reaching this conclusion, however, he thought it would be wasteful of land to build only five bungalows on the appeal site. Advantage should be taken of the opportunity this site offered of improving the street picture by the introduction of a group of dwellings which punctuated, and thereby satisfactorily terminated, the existing residential development in Ebbarns Road. He thought that well designed two - or three-storey terraced houses might be appropriate for this site.

3. The Minister agrees with the findings of his Inspector and accepts his recommendation; accordingly he dismisses your clients' appeal.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Miss E. M. BARBER

Authorised by the Minister
to sign in that behalf.

22.8.61
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