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Response to 26/00628/HFUL: Erection of a detached double garage at 19 Church Street Haslingfield

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is Cambridge's largest civic society. We are a charity run by local people who are passionate about where they live. We operate in the greater Cambridge area and working with our members, supporters and volunteers we:

- Are dedicated to protecting and enhancing the green setting of Cambridge for people and nature.
- Care about Cambridge and are an independent voice for quality of life in the strategic planning of Greater Cambridge.
- Are working to protect, celebrate and improve the important built heritage of the Cambridge area.
- Own and care for green spaces and historic buildings in and around the city for people and nature, including Wandlebury Country Park, Coton Countryside Reserve, Cambridge Leper Chapel & Barnwell Meadows, Bourn Windmill and Hinxton Watermill.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future (CPPF) believe the current proposal significantly harms the character of the Haslingfield Conservation Area and the setting of nearby Grade-I listed Church of All Saints.

Our key grounds for objection are:

Conflict with Policy NH/14: The scale and prominent location of the garage do not "sustain or enhance" the historic environment. The structure fails to respect the character of the Haslingfield Conservation Area and the setting of the adjacent Grade-I Parish Church.

Visual Intrusion: With a ridge height of ~5.5m positioned on the road frontage, the garage would appear as a dominant and discordant feature. It interrupts the essential intervisibility between the Church, the churchyard, and the surrounding historic streetscape.

Harm to Heritage Setting: As noted by the Planning Inspector in August 2025, any such development in this sensitive location would visually intrude into the setting of heritage assets and negatively affect how they are experienced. Moving the structure to the front garden corner exacerbates this intrusion rather than mitigating it.

The proposal remains an unsympathetic addition that fails to preserve the "significance and distinctiveness" of Haslingfield's heritage.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Nicholas

Principal Planning Officer