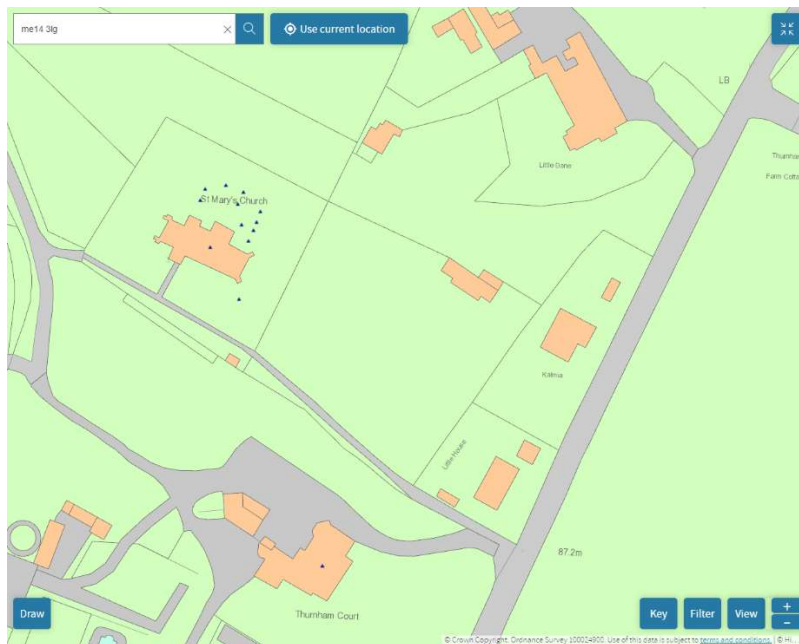


**DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT & HERITAGE STATEMENT
FOR
PROPOSED EXTERNAL MATERIAL CHANGES
AT
THE SQUIRRELS (formerly Kalmia,) THURNHAM LANE, THURNHAM, KENT ME14 3LG**

February 2024

This brief statement has been prepared to accompany the householder application requesting consent under the Town & Country Planning Acts from Maidstone Borough Council for the above proposals following a letter from enforcement at Maidstone Borough Council Planning Department.

The existing bungalow has been renovated to improve its insulation levels and the general appearance. The dark brickwork has been covered with white render and cream manmade weatherboarding. The roof has been stripped and re-felted and re-tiled, the old brown concrete double pantiles are replaced using grey Ludlow Plus interlocking tiles.



As shown the site has a Church to the west and a large, listed house (now flats) to the south west. The church is 94m away and Thurnham Court is 78m away both properties are not visible from the garden of Kalmia due to distance, high brick walls and mature trees, so we judge these changes to have no impact on the nearby listed buildings.

The materials used match those on the neighbouring property “Little House / Rhinegold” to the south and the recently granted annex to the north of The Squirrels, both of which are clad in white/cream weatherboarding.

The replanted hedge along Thurnham Lane will over the next couple of years grow back to make screening of the building much as it was before the work to upgrade The Squirrels started in 2020.