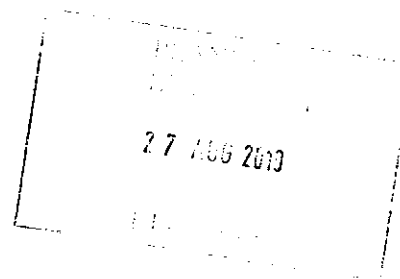


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For the attention of Mr D Manhertz August 26th 2010

Planning application S6/20/2010/1711/FP

My comments relate only to the proposed Viaduct carpark. I suggest it would be appropriate to require additional work by the applicant before the application is put before the Planning Control Committee.

1. There has been no evaluation of the impact of noise on the residents of Hill House and Park Close. The lie of the land means that upper floors of properties are at or above the level of the carpark and proposed access road and in some cases within a very few metres. The application refers to compliance with Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Policy R19 (6.34) and Sustainability Checklist: Impact & Future Use of the Development: Minimise Noise only in relation to the George Field carpark. There is no mention of compliance in relation to the Viaduct carpark.

2. I would like to see information sought on three aspects of the proposal: layout and design; use and measures taken to shield nearby residents from noise.

3. Layout.

What is the route by which vehicles would enter and leave the carpark? What happens beyond the gate shown on the sketch in connection with a proposed new access road? What is the extent of this access road?

4. Design

What would be the material of the surface? The Arboricultural Report recommends CellWeb but lists options for a top surface. The application states (6.21) "The surface finish will be in gravel bonded with bitumen". Elsewhere in Hatfield Park noisy loose gravel is placed on top of the gravel bonded with bitumen.


5. Use

The application refers (4.12) to 51 "vehicles". Does this include vans and lorries in addition to cars? What are the hours of use? There are late evening functions in the Old Palace, Coach House and the Riding School. Gascoyne Cecil Estate are currently applying for an extension of premises to be covered by licensing permission until 02.00 am suggesting these events will be increasingly frequent. Would people servicing/attending such evening functions use the carpark?

6. Measures taken to shield nearby residents from noise.

There is no mention of any measures.

I would be very grateful if you would confirm receipt of these comments and let me know if you will be asking for additional work before the application goes before Committee.

  
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