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Mrs Hughes,  
I attach a document containing my comments re: the amended application for the Viaduct car park.  
Regards,

  
Whitesmiths Cottage,  
Hatfield Park.

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19th September 2010

Dear Mrs Hughes,

**Amended Planning Application: Viaduct Car Park  
S6/2010/1711FP**

Thank you for your letter of 6<sup>th</sup> September advising that an amended Planning Application has been submitted to the Council, with details outlined in a letter of the same date from Paul Atton at jb planning associates.

I note that Gascoyne Cecil Estates ["GCE"] are sensitive to the concerns and objections raised by nearby residents and I welcome the amended proposals and clarifications set out in Mr Atton's letter.

Although the re-siting of the Cricket Pitch car park to the Viaduct site will have an adverse impact on the residents of Hill House, I believe that the proposals to retain some of the existing mature trees and to include appropriate new planting should mitigate such impact.

From the recent comments and objections posted on your website some residents in nearby Park Close/Park Street remain concerned about the potential noise & disturbance from the proposed car park. Based on my experience of living in close proximity to the existing Melon Ground car park within Hatfield Park, such noise and disturbance is minimal. The new Viaduct car park is a similar distance from the northernmost residents of Park Close.

Currently, when Hatfield House & Gardens are closed to visitors on Mondays & Tuesdays [and at all times from October to Easter], once business tenants arrive by car at the Cricket Pitch & North Front car parks [mainly between 8-9am] there is then little movement of their vehicles until the end of the business day. Usage of the replacement Viaduct car park is likely to be similar.

In summary, I support GCE's application to route all visitor traffic via Georges Field; their amended application to replace the North Front & Cricket Pitch car parks with the Viaduct car park for Melon Ground/Stable Yard business tenants, and GCE's plans to landscape the North Front/Cricket Pitch areas of Hatfield House in a manner fitting for a Grade 1 Listed Building of such historical significance.

Yours sincerely,

