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Mrs Lisa Hughes
Principal Development Control Officer (South Team)
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
Herts
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Dear Mrs Hughes

Land adjacent The Viaduct, Hatfield Park, Old Hatfield

We refer to the above planning application and have noted recent comments from The Georgian Group who have objected to the proposals on the grounds of adverse affect on the character and setting of Hill House.


Please note that The Georgian Group seem to be under the misapprehension that all the trees are to be removed from the application site which as you know, is not the case. You will recall that the trees have been fully assessed by a qualified arborist and the better quality mature trees are to be retained. New planting is also proposed such that Hill House will retain a natural setting.

The proposed parking area will be within a wooded setting and the application site is in a much less intrusive location than the present "Cricket Pitch" car park to the north of Hatfield House.

Hill House is owned by the Gascoyne Cecil Estate and who would not wish to carry out any development that would adversely affect the character or setting of this property. As you are aware, the applicants are very sensitive to good design, enhancing the quality of both Hatfield Park and the neighbouring Old Town through a variety of initiatives eg. the Old Hatfield Charrette.

We trust that you will find these comments of assistance.

Yours sincerely


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Associate
