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REPORT ITEM 8

27 October 2010

The Planning Committee
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Dear Committee

Re Application S6/2010/1710/FP

I write as a local resident in support of this application.

The reasoning contained in the officer's report is, in my respectful submission, sound and militates in favour of granting permission for this development.

I ask the committee to take into account also the broader context in which this application is made. The development of the facilities at Hatfield House should not be seen as economically discrete from the vitality of the local community. Gascoyne Cecil Estates have made substantial efforts in recent years to seek ways of improving the environment of Old Hatfield. The current economic climate has inhibited this to some degree.

The proposal now made will support the development of the restaurant facilities in Stable Yard. This in turn will provide the local community with an amenity they do not presently enjoy. It will, one hopes, attract custom from further afield. The creation of successful business in Old Hatfield, within or without the confines of the Estate, must add to the prospects for further regenerative development in the area. The refusal of this permission could lead to the inhibition of such investment in the future.

As churchwarden of St Etheldreda's church, I support, on behalf of the rector and the parochial church council, any development such as this which has the overall effect of improving the environment of the historic Grade I listed buildings. Paragraphs 9.22 and 10.1 of the officer's report demonstrate that this is a major factor.

Save for this please be aware that I make these representations in a wholly private capacity.

Yours faithfully,


Employment Judge 