



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: 11 Wilkins Green Lane, Hatfield, AL10 9RT

The application is for the erection of a garden room at 11 Wilkins Green Lane, Hatfield.

Torilla (11 Wilkins Green Lane) is a Grade II* listed house built in 1934-5. The listed building was designed by architect F R S Yorke in the modern style and shows influence of Le Corbusier's 'Maison La Roche'. The building is constructed of concrete rendered in roughcast and has metal frame casements. The significance of the listed building is derived from its modernist architectural design, form and detailing and its association with architect F R S Yorke.

The proposals seek to erect a garden room for recreational use, which will be located roughly 12 metres from the listed building to its north east and adjacent to the existing boundary hedge. The proposed garden room would be externally clad in cedar wood with grey aluminium windows and doors. Overall, it is considered that the garden room would be a reversible structure and its proposed location, scale and design would be sympathetic to the listed building. It is therefore considered that the proposed garden room would not detract from the understanding or appreciation of the significance of the listed building.

It is noted that the application states that the window and doorframes would be of grey aluminium, however the garden rooms details submitted outline that the garden room would have PVC-U window and doorframes. PVC-U windows and doors would not be considered appropriate and therefore grey aluminium should be used.

In conclusion, it is considered that the proposed garden room would not impact upon the significance of the listed building and I would therefore have no objection to the granting of approval of this scheme, subject to the details as set out above.

Were permission to be granted, I suggest that the local planning authority impose standard conditions relating to materials and details.



Yours sincerely,

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Note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter