



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: *The Listed Hangar, Mosquito Way, Hatfield, AL10 9AX*

The application is for a certificate of lawfulness for the construction of a free-standing exercise studio on top of an existing tennis court situated over the female locker rooms and formation of a new entrance and viewing window.

The gym and leisure centre occupies the former de Havilland Comet flight test hangar on the site of the former Hatfield Airfield. It is listed at grade II* (List Entry Number: 1376561) and the listing also includes the former offices, fire station and control tower. The hangar dates from 1952-3 and is an aluminium structure; aluminium portal frames covered with an aluminium curtain wall and sliding doors to the south. The original internal space was a large uninterrupted area which now partially filled with the facilities of the leisure centre but can still be appreciated as the internal structures are set down from the roof structure and away from external walls.

The studio has already been partially constructed. It occupies a space on an existing modern mezzanine level and does not interfere with any historic fabric. It also preserves views of the roof structure and still allows the internal space of the hangar to be appreciated. It is not considered to have an impact on the special interest of the listed building and no objections are raised to the granting of the certificate.

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

