



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Plot 5100, Mosquito Way, Hatfield Business Park, Hatfield, AL10 9WN

The application is for the erection of a multi-franchise car dealership (sui generis use) with offices (B1 use class), workshops (B2 use class) and car storage (B8 use class), together with car parking, cycle parking, boundary treatment, landscaping, lighting and access.

The site is located within the area of the former Hatfield Aerodrome. A number of surviving buildings and structures associated with the area's former use have been listed and are nearby to the proposal site. To the south of the site is the grade II* listed former de Havilland flight hangar with associated offices, fire station and control tower (list entry no. 1376561). To the south-east of the site, along Comet Way, are three grade II listed buildings dating from the early 1930s: gatehouse of the de Havilland Aviation Company (list entry no. 1251144); de Havilland Aviation Company offices (list entry no. 1251143); and, the staff mess to the offices (list entry no. 1262931).

Whilst there is some inter visibility between the site and the former flight hangar (now David Lloyd), the proposals are not considered to be detrimental to the settings of the listed buildings. The proposed buildings will form part of a townscape of similar buildings which already sit within the settings of the buildings. The proposal is not considered to be visually intrusive to the settings of any of the listed buildings noted and their significance is not harmed. No objections are raised.

Yours sincerely

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