



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Stanborough Park, North Stanborough Park, Stanborough Road, AL8 6DF

The application is for the removal of existing children's playground and reinstatement of ground as parkland; construction of new playground including splash pad with associated changing room facility; kiosk; fencing around compound; outdoor gym equipment; drainage; earthworks and landscaping.

The site is located to the south-west of the Welwyn Garden City Conservation Area. Due to the distance from the boundary of the area (along Lemsford Lane), the topography of the land, and the existing landscaping and tree coverage, the proposal will not impact on the setting of the conservation area.

The site is also located within an identified viewpoint within the Hatfield Heritage Assessment. View 9 (pages 73 and 74) is taken from the roof of Hatfield House looking to the north and provides a view of the northern principal approach to the house with the northern edge of Hatfield Park in the middle ground and the wider landscape beyond, including Welwyn Garden City. However, given the scale of the proposal (the highest point of the play equipment being just under 9 metres and terminating in a timber post rather than a solid structure), it will not have a detrimental impact on this viewpoint as it will not be a prominent or detracting addition to the landscape when viewed from this point.

No objections are raised to the proposal as it is not considered to harm the significance of any heritage assets.

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

