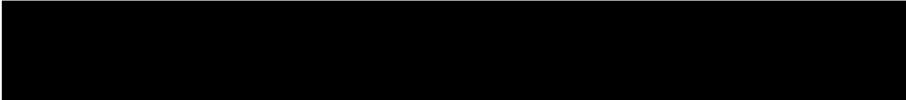


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Sent: 03 October 2013 20:20
To: Planning
Cc: Michel Saminaden; Fiona Thomson
Subject: Objection to planning application - Council Office Extension reference N6/2013/1938/MA

I wish to register my objection to the planning application "Council Office Extension reference N6/2013/1938/MA"

My principle objections are:

- The application breaches the councils own rules for buildings within the Conservation Area. The Planning Department normally requires any extension to respect the materials and setting and to be subservient to the existing building. Clearly this application does not meet either of these criteria.
- The Council has 'validated' its own application thereby improperly breaking the rules. The documents submitted do not meet the national submission standards that the Council enforces on its own residents and local businesses. The plans are deficient in a number of significant ways. The Council's action is both unfair and an abuse of process.
- The exterior is not appropriate for the conservation area, in particular, the proposed design shows little respect for the context, materials, proportions, or scale of the original building. (The original town hall was an award winning design). The proposed glass exterior picks up none of the 'key features' evident on the original building and its subsequent extension.

Steve Carter,
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