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Comment: 1. The proposed extension does not respect the materials and setting nor is it subservient to the existing building, as required by the Council's own planning department in a conservation area. It gives the appearance of being designed by an accountant, rather than an architect to achieve minimum construction cost rather than exhibit civic pride in a world renowned Garden City townscape.

2. The planning application has been too hurried and offered insufficient public consultation, particularly for such a highly visible and important location in the town centre at The Campus. As a member of the Council's Consultation Panel I was asked last week about the format of the Council's annual accounts but was not aware of the proposed Council offices extension until this week when I returned from holiday. In my opinion there should have been a scaled model of the development available in a public place for the public to view and make comment.

3. There is no need to rush this application through. Instead the Council could apply for a short lease extension on its existing annexe building in Bridge Road.