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Comment: I object to the application and ask that it be reviewed for the following reasons:

The application has not met the national submission standards the Council expects of residents and local businesses.

The application ignores the Council's own conservation requirements, using the excuse of its location at the back of the building - this still breaks local conservation area policies.

It is unlikely to achieve its stated objectives (the exterior is bland, and shows little respect for the context of the award-winning building it is being forced onto).

It will not provide the accommodation for the numbers specified.

The interior is likely to be uncomfortable and reliant on artificial lighting and heating so will not be energy-efficient.

The interior does not reflect modern efficient office planning or the need for files and storage; I am not aware that WHBC is a paperless office yet.

The provision of a hierarchical council chamber of different floor levels harks back 30 years or more and is not worthy of an egalitarian modern town. It also builds inflexibility into a room that could be multi-purpose and far more efficient in its use of space.

The consultant's report demonstrates some inaccuracies and gives a sloppy and careless impression; I am not confident that this application has received due care or process.

This is a poor design and should be reviewed.