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Comment: I wish to object to this proposal. My grounds for objection are as follows:

1. This proposal is with the Conservation Area of Welwyn Garden City. However, this proposal raises serious questions about Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's own set of values. Normally, the Council requires applicants for extensions in the Conservation Area to respect the materials and setting and to be subservient to the existing building; not to be bold and assertive?
2. The exterior design of the proposed extension is questionable. It shows little respect for the context, materials, proportions or scale of the original building. The original Town Hall was an award winning design by a little known architect Cecil Elsom. The adoption of a new style forcing it onto a traditional building lacks imagination and flair. It shows little respect for a much admired building.
3. The documents submitted for approval do not, in my opinion, fully meet the National Submission Standards that the Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council enforces onto its own residents and local businesses. The plans are deficient in a number of significant and careless ways. It is noted that the application was submitted and validated on the same day? Residents and businesses would have to correct and re-submit their plans before any documents submitted could be passed for consideration. This process can take some considerable time. In my view, the Council's action is both unfair and an abuse of process.

Therefore, the application as submitted should be withdrawn and redesigned to provide an extension of which we could all be proud.