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Comment: I have been recently alerted to the proposed Council Office Extension and I wish to object on the following grounds:

It would appear from what I have read that the Council is ignoring its own rules on applications, their validation and other submission standards. I don't know what legal backing there is to these standards but if they are ignored by yourselves who wield these standards over the public then surely you risk a marked future disinclination to abide by them.

The appearance of the new building, as far as I can tell, seem entirely unsuited to the existing architecture and the Conservation Area. There seems to be no relationship between the new 'shed' and the Garden City style of the Council Offices. It has the appearance on the published plans of a retail outlet on an undistinguished out-of-town shopping area. Finally, having mentioned the Conservation Area aspect, surely these requirements are absolutely part of the Garden City ethos. Riding roughshod over them must be damaging to everything that make the Garden City world-renowned and much loved.

Yours sincerely

J Jarratt