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Address: 15 Rosanne House, Bridge Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6DE Comment Type: Observation

Comment: I object to this application on the following grounds.

- a.) The quality of the design of elevational treatment is extremely poor in relation to the quality and materials of the existing buildings. The impression that the drawings give is that the designer has little knowledge or skill in using a contemporary architectural style in the context of a more traditional existing building and setting. I doubt if the Council would approve a similar design solution if presented by private applicant in the Welwyn Garden City Conservation Area.
- b.) I am not against a modern design solution to the extension problem if it is done well by skilled architects. This scheme demonstrated that the designer has little or no understanding of the importance of the ethos and nature of the Garden City in architectural terms.
- c.) I fear that if this scheme is approved, the Council and the residents of the Borough will regret the decision for years to come. I urge the Council not to be rushed into a hasty decision but to employ a designer with a successful track record of inserting contemporary detail into a traditional context.