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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Application ID: N6 2013 1938 MA  
**Attachments:** LETTER to WHBC re N6 2013 1938 MA.pdf

Please find attached a letter from the Twentieth Century Society relating to this application.

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Mr R Aston  
Welwyn & Hatfield Borough Council  
The Campus,  
Welwyn Garden City,  
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9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Mr R Aston

**APPLICATION REF: N6/2013/1938/MA**

**SITE: Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Campus East The Campus Welwyn Garden City AL8 6AE**

**PROPOSAL: Erection of three storey infill extension and single storey extension on eastern (rear) elevation to provide additional office accommodation (including Council Chamber) and associated access and landscaping alterations**

**OUR REF: 13 10 01**

The Twentieth Century Society objects to the above application as causing harm to the Welwyn Garden City Conservation Area, a designated heritage asset.

Built in 1935 to designs by Cecil Elsom, the Council Offices occupy a prominent position in the The Campus at the heart of the conservation area. It is of traditional neo-Georgian design and maintains the idiom of the Garden City. In contrast the proposed extension is of a design that the Society believes fails to preserve or enhance the conservation area. It neither complements nor takes its cues from the original building and conservation area: the applicants have failed to consider the importance of the heritage of the surroundings.

Policy TCR 13 of the Welwyn Garden City District Plan states: "The Council will seek to maintain and enhance the unique architectural character of, and the quality of the environment in, Welwyn Garden City town centre. All new development must be designed to respect the architectural style of the town centre and enhance the public realm."

We contend that this application does not comply with this policy, and due to this non-compliance should be refused consent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should further clarification or information be required. We would be grateful if the Society could be informed of the outcome of this application.

Yours sincerely,



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**Remit:** The Twentieth Century Society was founded in 1979 and is the national amenity society concerned with the protection, appreciation, and study of post-1914 architecture, townscape and design. The Society is acknowledged in national planning guidance as the key organisation concerned with the modern period and is a constituent member of the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies. Under the procedures set out in *ODPM Circular 09/2005*, all English local planning authorities must inform the Twentieth Century Society when an application for listed building consent involving partial or total demolition is received, and they must notify us of the decisions taken on these applications.

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