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Sent: 08 October 2013 23:05
To: Planning
Cc: Michel Saminaden
Subject: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED COUNCIL OFFICE EXTENSION

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Dear Sir

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED COUNCIL OFFICE EXTENSION
Ref: N6/2013/1938/MA

I am writing to object to the proposed extension to the WHDC Campus East Offices.

The proposed exterior is not in keeping with the existing building and is inappropriate given that the offices are in the conservation area. The design does not reflect the context, materials, proportions, nor the original features of the existing building, which was award winning when built.

I refer below to extracts from the Council's own "Welwyn Garden City Estate Management Scheme" which are pertinent:

"Why is Welwyn Garden City Important?"

Welwyn Garden City's special character and quality is made up of many aspects that includes ---
The design and detailing of architecture

It explains why the town is now recognised as a model of urban planning the world over.

Why is the Management Scheme Important today?

---- Quite simply, inappropriate developments, poor quality alterations to buildings and the erosion of the special character of the environment will lead in turn to the lowering of neighbouring values both in visual and economic terms."

I am appalled that the Council should put forward such an inappropriate design on this sensitive site at the heart of our town, and in particular for our Council Office building which is a prime example of the excellent style of architecture for which our town is famous. The fact that a professional firm was commissioned to produce this design indicates only that this was an inappropriate organisation to appoint or that they were poorly instructed by the Council officers. In either case, money, time and resources have been wasted. Clearly a new design should be commissioned, which should respect the special ethos of the WGC conservation area and be far more sympathetic to the existing building.

I trust, therefore, that the Council will reject this planning application.

Officers should then take time to fully review the project, taking into account the excellent observations and recommendations made by the Welwyn Garden City Society in the Society's 'Special Edition Newsletter – October 2013'.

A new scheme should be produced which meets the ethos of our town and conforms to the objectives of our Management Scheme for building alterations in the Conservation Area. I trust that this new planning application will also be the subject of consultation before approval.

Yours sincerely

Philip Tasch

Resident of WGC.

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Sent: 10 October 2013 20:28
To: Sue Dietzman
Subject: Fw: Campus East Application N6/2013/1938/MA

Dear Sue:

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It seems probable that you were trying to contact me, as I did indeed lodge an objection by email to the Council Offices planning application, which I hope will be properly taken into account. My details are: Philip Tasch; Address: 5 Stonemead, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 7LX;

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Please contact me if you require any further information.

Regards. Philip Tasch.

From: Sue Dietzman
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 12:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Campus East Application N6/2013/1938/MA

Thank you for your e-mail regarding the above application. To enable me to add your comments to our system could you please provide me with your address?

Could you please respond within 5 days to enable me to action your comments?

Failure to provide your name and address will mean that your comments have to be treated as anonymous and consequently will carry little weight.

Comments marked private/confidential will be treated as such and will not be taken into account.

Regards

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