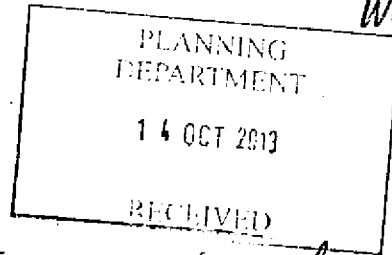


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Dear Sir, Council Office Extension N/196/2013/1938/MA.

It has only recently come to our notice that an extension to the Welwyn/Hatfield Borough Council Offices is proceeding. We ask for this project to be reviewed and submitted to proper public consultation on the following grounds.

1. The extension does not fit in with the existing building appearance and does not follow the ethos of the Garden City. Whilst the Garden City should encourage modern designs this one is ugly and incorporates too much glass which is out of keeping with the other town buildings. The Council appears to be breaking its own rules on the town development.

2. Why when we are all in an economic depression are we spending money on an expensive development when other council projects are having cut backs; the Museum Service for example. Why use an international design consultancy when we have architect practices locally.

3. Why has the usual planning procedure and public consultation process not been adhered to in this case.

It is well known that, correctly, planning permission in W.G.C. is very strict and lengthy, yet the council has proceeded with getting permission in one day without any public input.

We know that if we wanted to build a glass extension to the back of our house it would not be allowed.

4. The fact that the council has been incompetent and left the construction of this till the last minute is no excuse

for rushing through a poorly specified design which in its present form will stand as an edifice to an incompetent council. Buildings stand a long time but Councils 'come and go', especially councils which are not upholding the principles of or protecting our beautiful town.

Yours Faithfully .

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