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Dear Sir,

Council Office Extension Ref: N6/2013/1938/MA

We wish to object to the proposed Council Office Extension on the following grounds.

- 1) Welwyn Garden City is unique and the Council is duty bound to maintain its character by ensuring that all development within the conservation area is appropriate in terms of design and materials. How can the Council justify a proposed extension that clearly does not satisfy its own requirements?
- 2) The angular glass structure is ugly, out of scale and detracts from Cecil Elsom's award winning building. It does not 'respect the materials and setting' nor is it 'subservient to the existing building' which are conditions that the Council impose on all other residents and businesses. The Council should be leading by example, not flouting its own planning rules.
- 3) The internal layout does not appear to be fit for purpose. There is insufficient space for the current number of employees and totally inadequate space for the storage of documents. How will you accommodate addition staff in the future should the need arise?

We elect councillors to represent our views and in this case there seems to have been insufficient consultation and undue haste to rush the plans through. We know that we are not alone in calling for a review of the proposed extension and we look forward to hearing what action you intend to take.

Yours faithfully,

