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From: Dom Cox
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To: Tracy Harvey
Subject: Fwd: Council Office Extension N6/2013/1938/MA

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Subject: Council Office Extension N6/2013/1938/MA
Reply-To: Desi Russell <[REDACTED]>



Dear Dom

Council Office Extension N6/2013/1938/MA

I have just seen the proposed extension to the Council Offices and write to state my objections as a resident of Welwyn Garden City.

The addition is not in keeping with the Garden City ethos and is frankly, an eyesore. In such a prime position, one would expect the design of the exterior to harmonise with the adjacent buildings rather than looking like an incongruent appendage tacked on.

When I sought planning permission a few years ago to build a sloping roof on an extension at the REAR of my home I was told as it was in a conservation area so had to settle for a flat roof. The extension was not even visible from the approach to Parkway. Yet here, in a position that could not be more prominent in terms of the conservation area, the proposal is to build an extension that is not in keeping with adjoining architecture. It would appear that there is one rule for the residents and another for the Council. This is blatantly unfair. The Council are in breach of its own rules in the conservation area.

I also understand that the planning process has been unduly accelerated. Whether this is to minimise public consultation or to shore up an already failing project to accommodate council staff is unclear. Either way, the methods adopted are underhand.

We elect Councillors to protect our interests. I trust you will note my objection to the Council Office Extension and make the necessary representations.

Thank you
Sincerely

Desi Russell