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**Sent:** 19 November 2013 13:40  
**To:** Michel Saminaden  
**Cc:** Planning  
**Subject:** Council Office Extension reference N6/2013/1938/MA

Dear Mr Saminaden,

I must object to the proposed modifications to the Council Offices. Clearly they fail visually to fit in with the whole of the design concept on which the original garden city plans and architecture were based.

That being the case, then it seems to me that failure to apply those design guidelines puts the Council, who as I understand it inherited responsibility for their enforcement, in breach of their obligations. Such a failure will provide a precedent for anyone who wishes to make similar egregious changes and may even leave the council open to legal sanctions.

Indeed it is apparent that other breaches of the standards for the conservation area may be taking place because of the Council's lack of enforcement of the covenants. In particular, since I once lived in that house, I see that 73 Valley Road's owner has broken the building line continuity and with it the specification of the planning consent they had.

I hope you will recognize your obligations to apply the rules, even if it means creating dissent and irritation amongst some ward councilors. We are supposed to be governed by law and, in your position, I believe you have an obligation to uphold it.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael J McCann.