

*replied by phone wed 9th October 2013.

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27 NOV 2013

Dear Ms Thomson,

Subject: Rear Extension to the
Council Offices.

I am writing to you in your capacity as a member of the Development Management Committee relating to Welwyn Garden City and the Handside ward in particular to say that as an 86yr old boys resident in the Garden City and a member of the Welwyn Garden City Society I have been notified very recently by the Society of plans to construct an extension to the rear of the Council Offices in order to rehouse employees presently working in premises in Bridge Road East.

I am assuming you will by now have been able to read The Society's Special Edition Newsletter, October 2013 regarding this development. Without repeating the detail it contains

I find it disturbing to think that the solution to this rehousing is apparently taking a visual form as depicted - totally at variance with the design of the original building as it stands today.

If this is still a fairly correct portrayal of the present building ^{intention} it will, I feel, fall far short of what a good many Garden City ^{residents} would regard as good harmonious design in keeping with the original concept of how the Garden City architecture should be maintained.

I feel that some compromise design is called for which would make the extension look less like a large greenhouse attachment, even if it is at the rear of the existing Council Offices. Modern architectural trends, and perhaps financial limitations, would seem to be paramount in the design and I would advise a pause for re-consideration of the negative aspects referred to in the newsletter in the hope of ending up with a more pleasing appearance and good internal design to provide a basis for comfortable, practical working aspects within.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]