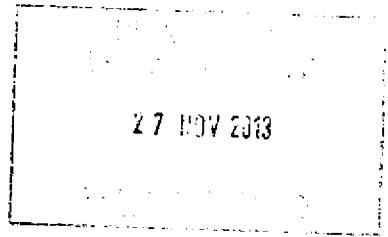


Edward reply
25/11/13

5 Youngs Rise
WGC AL8 6RT



Councillor Fiona Thomson
57 Attimore Road,
WGC AL8 6LG



Dear Fiona

I hope you are well.

I write to draw your attention to my strong objection to current Council Office Extension Application.

I made several attempts to speak to you between Sep 16th and Oct 8th, about the Council Office extension planning Application N6/2013/1938/MA. Unfortunately none of my telephone calls were answered but I left you a message. I also didn't get a response to the email I sent you despite sending it again.

Fiona, I needed to hear what you thought of the above plans.

You may be keeping quiet because you are on the Development and Management Committee, but frankly, you can't expect people to vote for you then not to talk to them about such a crucial issue.

I think the fact that you live in Welwyn Garden City and having spoken to you in the last couple of years, I know you are fully aware of the importance of WGC heritage and architecture.

However, on my own account, I need to let you know that no reason whatsoever could justify the Council to impose such an alien glass house structure on their office building which is part of WGC heritage and has been an award winning architecture attracting visitors from all over the world.

I have heard several reasons such as deep area needing light, Council chamber needs higher ceiling, etc. But to me they are excuses rather than reasons.

If for example, owner of any other property, say Russell House on Russell Croft Rd which is in same conservation area, had applied to build such an extension, the plans would have not been validated and sent back to drawing board.

I welcome the amended plans submitted on 1st November. These amendments do not alter the plan sufficiently for me to change my views and my objections stay. The glass structure shouts: aliens have landed!

If the Council can't extend the offices at Campus East sympathetically and according to the conservation regulation, they should not extend.

Fiona, I hope you will stand for us and for WGC and reject this application. This application is brain child of hand full of Councillors with no regards for WGC and it shows. I have spoken to several Councillors who did not know the detail of these plans until it became public knowledge.

We elect our councillors to be our eyes and ears. If you are by passed, why do we need you?

I look forward to hearing from you and ultimately your rejection of this application on the night of the DMC meeting due to be held on 5th December 2013.

I attach my objection posted to the planning website.

Kind regards



Elahe Taylor

N6/2013/1938/MA

Fiona Thomson

Sent: 25 November 2013 18:30

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Planning

Dear Elahe

Thank you for your letter regarding the above application, and please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your earlier email.

I have noted your comments and I will be considering all aspects of the application when it comes to the Development Management Committee.
Thank you for including your objection posted to the planning website which will be considered as part of the formal planning process.

Kind regards

Fiona

Councillor Fiona Thomson
Handside Ward
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