



Gardening for Disabled Trust

WELWYN HATFIELD

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PLANNING

The Secretary
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01.05.18.

Chris Carter
Council Offices
Welwyn Garden City
The Campus
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
AL8 6AC

Dear Mr Carter,

Re: Former Shredded Wheat Factory,
Welwyn Garden City. AL8 6UN
Planning Application ref. 6/2018/0171/MAJ

I write, on behalf of the Gardening for Disabled Trust, in support of the above scheme. The Gardening for Disabled Trust takes a keen interest in the design of major projects, particularly where proposals are within an area in which it has historic and demographic affiliations. Ebenezer Howard promoted Welwyn Garden City as



an 'Utopian City in which people live harmoniously together with nature.' We are delighted to see the developer's proposals embrace these principles so successfully.

We strongly approve of the plan to refurbish the Railway Bridge.

The highly successful public realm and thoughtfully designed landscaped areas will be accessible to all with the creation of the new passenger life.

The inclusion of a sensory garden within the scheme will have considerable benefits for the local community as a whole.

We feel it is so important that such areas are not just badged for "the Disabled".

People with disabilities wish to have ~~ready~~ 'ready' access to such areas but they don't want to be made to feel 'different'. This sensory garden will provide a great 'shared' space for everyone to enjoy.

These are examples of why we feel this scheme really succeeds where so many fail.

To this I would add our support for the civic building and community uses, which together with our art hub



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and museum, sit incredibly well with the members of the Community, particularly those who hope to live in the proposed area. Their quality of life will be und improved if this Scheme goes ahead.

We hope the opportunity is embraced by Welwyn Garden City and approval is given for this exceptional Scheme.

Yours Sincerely



