



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: *Woodside House, Bridge Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6UJ*

The application is for the replacement of 417 windows, 289 like-for-like and 128 slightly modified for strength purposes, 9 PVCu French Door sets and one Fire Exit door.

The site is located within the Welwyn Garden City Conservation Area.

The existing windows are uPVC and only slight moderations are proposed (introducing mullions to some windows for additional strengthening). Whilst it is unfortunate to have large and prominent buildings within the Garden City with uPVC windows as they are untraditional and do not uphold the quality of detailing of traditional windows, the uPVC windows are already in place. Therefore, their like-for-like replacement will at least preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area (as per Section 72 (1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990).

The proposed windows will have the same appearance as the existing and, therefore, there is no additional undue harm caused to the significance of the Conservation Area, as per Section 16 of the NPPF.

Yours sincerely

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Note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter

