



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

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Date: 16/11/2021

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: *Campus West, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6BX*

The application is for the installation of an air source heat pump.

Campus West is located in the Welwyn Garden City Conservation Area and occupies a prominent location fronting the semi-circular space of The Campus. Dating to the 1970s, its modernist design and prominent height of the building contrast with the predominant neo-Georgian architecture of the Garden City.

The proposed roof plant structure is a large structure at approximately 2.5 metres in height and 7 metres in length. The elevation and section drawings illustrate the position of the plant structure on the roof, and section C-C demonstrates that it is set relatively far back on the roof from the elevation (A) fronting The Campus.

Long views of Campus West from locations across The Campus are possible, but many are filtered by trees when they are in leaf. The proposed plant structure will be located alongside existing plant on the roof which is perceivable in some views, but not prominent. Whilst the proposed plant structure is much larger than the existing structures on this part of the roof, it is not considered that it will appear as a prominent feature in views of Campus West from The Campus and will not detract from its overall appearance due to its set back position.

No objections are raised as there is not considered to be a harmful impact on the significance of the conservation area and the area's character and appearance will be preserved, in accordance with Section 16 of the NPPF and Section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Yours sincerely

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