



FAO: Planning Department,
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

Ref: 6/2021/2207/MAJ
Date: 17/11/2021

HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION ADVICE

Dear Sir / Madam,

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

The application is for the expansion and adaptation of existing car park, including construction of new single suspended level parking deck, reorganisation of road and pavement arrangement, introduction of additional cycle parking, junction improvements and associated landscaping improvements.

Following my letter of 24/08/2021, additional information has been received regarding the lighting scheme including proposed methods to reduce the impact of the lighting. It was noted in my previous letter that the addition of lighting to the structure (albeit necessary for its use) exacerbates its presence and visual impact on this part of the Conservation Area at night. It is now proposed to:

- Dim all column mounted lights 50% post curfew;
- Utilise LED lighting with a 3000k warm light;
- Ensure column heights do not exceed the existing; and
- Fit 'back shields' to the lights around the perimeter of the site to reduce light spill.

These methods will help to reduce the impact of the lighting and are a positive addition to the proposed scheme. However, despite the mitigation of harm through design, there remains a low level of 'less than substantial' harm to the significance of the Conservation Area as previously identified.

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

