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I write on behalf of the Grange Association, the amenity association which represents the Grange Conservation Area.

It is proposed that the previous application be modified changing the rooflight to a modern metal-framed rooflight and the rear window to a plain undivided window. We feel that the original plans for these two features were more in keeping with this conservation area.

Our main objection, however, is the proposal to change the side wall of the extension from natural stone matching the existing gable end to render. This wall is the aspect of the building seen from the Neighbouring West Thorn. The materials used in buildings are a characteristic of the Grange Conservation Area. The CACA states "A significant level of uniformity is achieved by the use of local building materials, despite the considerable range of building styles. The predominant materials are local grey sandstone in ashlar or coursed rubble for buildings and garden walls, with hand carved decoration; natural slate, often Scots slate, for roofs; and timber framed sash and case windows with plate glass." A prominent rendered wall would not "preserve or enhances the special character or appearance of the conservation area" and would not be "consistent with the relevant conservation area character appraisal". It would therefore be contrary to policy ENV 6.

We request that this variation of planning permission be refused.