

Boston (Mormon News) -

Brisbane, Australia. - Negotiations over the height of the temple and adjacent meetinghouse, nighttime flood lighting, and traffic concerns created significant delays. The Church complied with requests to reduce the roof pitch of the meetinghouse and to lower the temple platform.

Denver - "Securing a suitable site for the Denver Colorado Temple proved difficult. When the originally preferred site became unavailable, two other sites were considered, but both were blocked by traffic-concerned citizens. In the meantime, the original site opened again, and the Church successfully employed lessons learned to gain citizen support for the temple at the preferred location.

Neighbors initially rejected the proposed nightly floodlighting of the Denver Colorado Temple. So, Church officials agreed to turn off the lights by 11:00 PM. In time, however, the neighbors came to appreciate the singular beauty of the temple and asked that the lights remain on all night."

Harrison, NY

Hartford, CT –

President Thomas S. Monson **announced** the construction of the Hartford Connecticut Temple in the opening session of the 180th Semiannual General Conference.¹ Plans had been announced for a temple in Hartford at General Conference **18 years earlier**, but it **was decided three years later that two other temples would be built in its place**—one to the north in Boston, Massachusetts and one to the south in White Plains, New York, later named the Harrison New York Temple. Plans for the Harrison temple were suspended following the dedication of the Manhattan New York Temple

1992, President Gordon B. Hinckley, First Counselor in the First Presidency, **announced plans for a regional temple to be built in Hartford**, Connecticut, to serve members in the New York and New England areas of the United States.

Three years after the announcement, plans for the Hartford Connecticut Temple were replaced.

"We apologize to our faithful Saints in the Hartford area. We know you will be disappointed in this announcement. You know **that we, and your local officers, have spent countless hours searching for a suitable location** that would handle the needs of the Saints in New York and New England. While we deeply regret disappointing the people in the Hartford area, we are satisfied that we have been led to the present decision,

January, **2012**, Church representatives made an informal presentation **to the Town of Farmington Plan and Zoning Commission**

Church architect Kerry Neilson noted that the search for an appropriate site had been underway for over a year, having investigated 20 different locations in the Hartford area before selecting Farmington.

five houses along Farmington Avenue and the **former Whitman Restaurant—a 12,000-square-foot facility with an 80-car parking lot—would be razed.**

A new backage road called "New Town Road," connecting Bridgewater and Melrose, would also be constructed and regulated by traffic lights. Because the site is partially zoned commercial, a zoning amendment or rezoning would be required.⁸

May 2012 Farmington PZ Commission public hearing, four residents rose to speak, posing various questions including estimates on the final height of the spire and the building's elevation above the flood plain. Just one resident voiced concern with the project, saying it would contribute to the traffic, ; commissioners echoed the sentiment. Wetlands Commission approved the plan with conditions including: (4) at least 75% of the plant species on the total landscape plan shall be native to the area; (6) a conservation easement shall be established (7) no snow stockpiling shall be allowed in the parking area

June 2012 PZ Commission resumed a public hearing to receive input; Some citizens were not satisfied, however, and expressed fears of increased traffic