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Sent: 11 May 2026 14:43:26 UTC+01:00
To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0528
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2026 2:43 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	57 Premier Travel Inn North Street Horsham West Sussex RH12 1RB
Proposal:	Part-demolition of hotel restaurant, erection of replacement hotel and guest restaurant extension and all associated works.
Case Officer:	Hannah Darley

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Customer Details

Address:	6 Keller Court Elm Grove Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design
Comments:	I support the principle of bringing this site back into use. However, I have concerns about the design approach being proposed. The existing building, while not architecturally significant, has a form and character that reflects its setting, with variation in rooflines, materials and scale that sit comfortably within the local context. The proposed scheme represents a significant departure from this, introducing a much more uniform, box-like form with

limited architectural detail or variation.

Much of the new development seen across the UK now lacks a sense of place, identity and longevity, and this proposal risks falling into that pattern. The design appears heavily value engineered, with minimal texture, material richness or architectural interest. As a result, it feels generic and could be located almost anywhere, rather than responding to the specific character of Horsham.

This is particularly disappointing given that Horsham has a strong and recognisable identity. Retaining only a very small fragment of the existing building does little to preserve the history or spirit of the site in any meaningful way.

Developments of this nature also tend not to age well. Without sufficient architectural depth, variation or warmth in materials, they can quickly feel tired and dated, contributing to a wider sense that towns are becoming increasingly interchangeable.

I would encourage a revised design that places greater emphasis on architectural quality, materiality and a more thoughtful relationship to the surrounding context, so that the scheme contributes positively to the character and long-term identity of Horsham.

Kind regards

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