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To: "Planning" <planning@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/26/0227
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 26/03/2026 3:42 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Horsham Park Horsham West Sussex
Proposal:	Erection of a memorial statue.
Case Officer:	Bethan Tinning

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Customer Details

Address:	10 Clarence Road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Horsham does not promote its unique cultural identity well and really should in order to attract interest in our town's contribution to the county's and country's heritage. As someone interested in local history, literature, and culture in general, I have visited many places that celebrate their cultural and historical links through public art, very effectively, and many public parks make public artworks part of the offer in a way that not only adds a new level of interest to the park, but makes art, in this case sculpture and literature, freely accessible. This artwork, in its proposed location, is very accessible to people of all ages and, as it is on a level surface in an open area, to those with mobility issues. I think this

artwork really adds something to our town centre, both in terms of celebrating Horsham's cultural heritage, celebrating 'the most eminent person to whom Horsham can lay claim' and Horsham's unique position in that respect. It provides a unique and accessible public artwork for the enjoyment of our community and beyond. The fact that it is 'the people's choice' in terms of design, having come out as the preferred design in a public consultation which attracted a huge level of interest, makes it particularly appropriate as a public artwork. So many people will relate to this artwork and feel ownership having been involved in the selection of the design. With its elegance and focus on literature and Shelley's verse, it fits into the site very nicely. It is very accessible and contemplative, adding a new aspect to the positive experience of well-being that is gained from a visit to the public space. Poetry is increasingly popular and well known for the positive benefits that can be experienced from engagement with poetry, benefits that will undoubtedly be enhanced by engaging with poetry in a pleasant park environment. With extracts from poetry on all sides and space enough to circulate easily around the sculpture, it increases the interest and opportunity for reflection in a calm and relaxing position within the park. The natural materials are at the same time elegant and hard-wearing and will stand up well in all weathers and look good within the natural environment. The position, close to a main entrance, is particularly suitable for engaging attention in an otherwise rather uninteresting area of the park. It will, therefore, draw new visitors further into the park to explore this great public space. It will be good to see something positive, interesting and unique in Horsham's public space.

Kind regards

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