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To: Planning
Subject: Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0405

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 10/04/2024 1:28 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	The Stable Block, Kaya Cafe North Street Horsham West Sussex RH12 1RJ
Proposal:	Construction of a kitchen hut and incorporation of a flat roof extension to the existing pergola structure to the rear elevation.
Case Officer:	Kate Turner

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Customer Details

Address:	16 Parkside Mews Horsham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	The Friends of Horsham Park aim to enhance, promote and protect Horsham Park. Kaya café and restaurant is a popular spot in the park and we want it to continue to flourish as an inclusive space for all visitors to enjoy under the new ownership and we look forward to collaborating with the new owners for the benefit of park visitors. Unfortunately, we have strong reservations about the planning application for the changes to the pergola area. When this was first installed we objected to its intrusion on the landscape and particularly the view of the Grade II listed building and this remains a concern. We now accept that the pergola makes the café more viable by providing additional seating and we do not object to a transparent, flat roof structure (preferably glass or at least very high quality plastic) to protect customers from rain showers. It appears that if the right material is used, the roof structure should not impact further to any significant degree on the view of the Grade II building and surroundings. However, on sunny days there may need to be blinds to

create shade. These should be high quality and temporary so that the rest of the time the view of the building is not compromised. We would like materials to be agreed before being installed so that their impact on the building and setting can be assessed.
Our main objection is to the kitchen hut design, specifically the timber cladding and roller shutters at the north and south ends. These will close off the view through the pergola and dominate the landscape without being an attractive or welcoming feature. When walking southwards along the paths from North Street or Hurst Road, you will not be able to see the bandstand - a key feature in the park and for entertainment in the school holidays. Also, it will detrimentally affect the view from Park House Sensory Garden as you look towards the sculptural group of Corsican Pines. The garden and buildings around Grade II*Park House charm visitors and are of historical significance. The area needs to be treated sensitively and with respect. It also, of course provides, a beautiful setting for the café and contributes to the café's popularity.
We understand the concerns about vandalism, but think that the table height trellis fencing will be an invitation, rather than a barrier to ASB. It will also not provide any protection from the weather, so we cannot see the value to visitors or the café.
The materials for the trellis and kitchen hut are not in keeping with the period of the Grade II listed building and we are concerned that very quickly they will become scruffy.
We think this application needs further consideration. For example, glass enclosed walls for the pergola, although more expensive to install, would be less obtrusive on the landscape, provide greater benefits to customers all year round and be less likely to degrade.

Kind regards