Planning Statement for Fenestration Update – Collingwood Batchellor, 104 Bishopric, Horsham, RH12 1QN

This planning statement is submitted in support of proposed works to update the fenestration on the front elevation of the property at 104 Bishopric, Horsham (known as Collingwood Batchellor).

Proposal Overview:
The proposal involves updating the front elevation of the existing retail unit with a revised fenestration arrangement and a new cladding finish to enhance the building's appearance and contribute positively to the character of the streetscape. The external materials will comprise a mix of **Ecoscape composite cladding**, utilising two complementary colours: **Spiced Oak** and **Midnight**.

Design Justification:

- The choice of materials reflects a modern yet sympathetic approach to revitalising the building frontage.
- Ecoscape composite cladding is a sustainable, low-maintenance material with a contemporary aesthetic, improving the visual quality and durability of the facade.
- The colour palette of Spiced Oak and Midnight has been carefully selected to provide visual interest while maintaining harmony with the surrounding built environment.

Impact Assessment:

- The proposed update will improve the visual impact of the building along Bishopric, a key route within Horsham town centre.

- The works do not alter the building's footprint or structural form and have no adverse effect on the amenity of neighbouring properties.
- The improved frontage supports ongoing investment in the area and aligns with local design aspirations outlined in Horsham District Council's planning policies.

In summary, the proposed fenestration and cladding update represents a modest but high-quality enhancement to the building, consistent with both commercial use and broader urban design objectives.

During our preparation for this application, we have not encountered any adverse comments or found the aspects under which the proposed amendments would be harmful to the neighbourhood on any account.

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