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Sent: 15 May 2026 21:45:11 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 15/05/2026 9:45 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:	15 Spencers road Horsham
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Regarding the proposed landscaping - as a gateway scheme to the town from the station, this scheme is completely uninspiring. There is little variety throughout the scheme with blocks of shrubs rigidly set against each other. I appreciate the setting and the end use, but where is the intent to attempt to make this space beautiful? Could thought also be given to filtering the exhaust fumes from

the adjacent very busy junction - *Cotoneaster franchetii* is a useful plant here <https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/articles/super-cotoneaster>

Also many specified species are just not climate resilient and are likely to fail very quickly following planting if we have prolonged drought or extreme high temperatures. One assumes there is no allowance for an automatic irrigation system, so things like *Viburnum davidii* planted in a south facing facade is not going to work. Ultimately, when these plants do die we will be left with unsightly, heavily compacted bare planting areas as people use them to cut through and maybe run for the train, etc. (see the planting around the entrance to Lidl and Aldi car park).

Whilst Sycamore could technically be classed as a native tree, I would strongly recommend that this species choice is reconsidered and a more suitable tree is selected, native or otherwise. Is there no room to suggest more tree planting around the scheme? The Trees and Design Action Group's Tree Species Selection guide would be an invaluable tool here.

Finally, there are some nearby planting projects that could provide inspiration to enhance the proposals - like the ribbon borders or the newly planted beds to the north road entrance to Horsham Park. I urge you to try and introduce more colour and variety into this planting, for the benefit of both visitors, local residents and to help increase and support local biodiversity.

Kind regards

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