

Subject: Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/Z3825/w/15/3133676 - Prewetts Mill, Worthing Road, Horsham, West Sussex.

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To: Planning Inspectorate

Dear Sirs,

I am writing on behalf of the Horsham Society to object to the planning application DC/15/0124, refused by Horsham District Council and currently being appealed by the Appellant. Originally objections to the application were lodged by Horsham Society on 2nd March 2015 and 11th June 2016 and these should stand.

Additionally any alterations which the applicant has made to the proposals have in no way served to improve the appearance of the building, the visual impact of which is still too over bearing and the elevations currently featureless and in no way worthy of such a key site. Consideration should be given to reducing the height to a maximum of 5 storeys and lessening the impact of the Worthing Road elevation. The history of the site has not been taken into account in designing the new building and no consideration given to incorporating what is left of Prewetts Mill into the new build, thereby ensuring a record of the original site remains. Elevational treatments are not in character with the area and need to be reconsidered. The use of local materials should be a priority, to ensure the building harmonises with the surroundings in which it will sit.

The Prewetts Mill site is situated on a main artery into Horsham and warrants special treatment. The current proposals are not worthy of this key site, for reasons elaborated in the decision notice.

Yours faithfully,

David Griffiths. (Secretary of the Planning Sub Committee)