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Contact Officer: Samantha Dixon

Our Ref: ECS/RHA/15-05

Dear Sir,

15/00955/FUL & 15/00956/LBA. The White Horse Public House, 63 Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7JU

This application relates to a change of use from public house to social activities centre and the erection of a two-storey office building and showroom (one storey below ground).

The White Horse is a Grade 2 listed building which has seen mixed fortunes as a pub in recent years. The Society is therefore pleased to see this application which will restore the building to active use, in particular because that use relates to the nearby Epsom General Hospital. We were also pleased to see that the large car park is to be partly developed as an office building, the design of which is unashamedly contemporary and which should help to bring employment to the area. The new building will be relatively unobtrusive with the hospital building behind it, and its scale and height will suit the location and will not detract or overwhelm the listed building.

We understand that the decision to put one storey below ground arose from discussions between the Borough and the scheme's designers, who should be congratulated on developing an innovative and exciting scheme.

Yours faithfully,

for Epsom Civic Society
Robert Austen

