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Dear Mr Berry

PLANNING APPLICATION 16/01802/FUL
THE KIRKGATE, 19-31, CHURCH STREET, EPSOM
REPLACING ENTRANCE WITH GLAZED ENTRANCE PORCH

The Kirkgate is a block of offices with brick elevations, built in 1990. Its entrance is of little architectural merit and this application proposes its replacement with a two-storey glazed structure. The planning statement claims that this will improve the external appearance of the building and create an attractive entrance.

We totally disagree with this claim. It would be out of proportion with both the building and its surroundings in terms of size and appearance. The building lies between two conservation areas and opposite a Grade II listed building and the proposed new entrance would damage the setting of these and the area as a whole.

It would be contrary to Policy CS5 by failing to reinforce local distinctiveness or complement the attractive characteristics of the Borough, and to Policy DM9 by adversely affecting the Borough's visual character and appearance.

We therefore strongly believe that the application should be refused.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Chairman

cc Ward Councillors

