

Epsom Civic Society

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Ms Ruth Ormella
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Dear Ruth

PLANNING APPLICATION 18/01016/COND
PREMIER INN 1 THE PARADE, EPSOM
HARD LANDSCAPING

Planning permission for the development of the Premier Inn required approval of materials including those for external work and hard landscaping and this was granted following application 17/01513/COND. The details then approved included stainless steel cycle stands, granite copings to boundary walls, granite setts, and conservation kerbs. These indicated the high quality of the construction and a welcome attention to good appearance.

The present applications states that due to “detailed design changes” it is necessary to amend these details. As a result it is proposed to substitute standard galvanised hoops, to omit the granite coping and the granite setts and to revert to standard concrete kerbs. It is claimed that these changes do not have a significant impact on the visual appearance of the development.

In our view, this is a most regrettable reduction in quality which should not be accepted and we therefore consider that permission for these changes should be refused.

Yours sincerely

ALAN BAKER FRICS
Vice Chairman

cc Ward Councillors

