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Via email to: planning.applications@harrow.gov.uk

cc Ward councillors

Planning application: P/1974/20 – Shepherd Churchill Dining Hall, Harrow School

Dear Katie Parkins

The Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee has considered this application and has the following comments.

The design is not sympathetic to the existing design which was rightly praised when originally built and as such does not enhance the conservation area. The application should therefore be refused.

The current building is listed as positive in the character assessment of the conservation area document. The D&A fails (p4) to mention and hence to address DM6 the Area of Special Character. The current building has a decorative pavilion style with decorative balustrades whereas the new design is more that of an office building, as shown clearly by p42 of the Design & Access Statement (D&A).

The lack of greenery is disappointing both with the entrance approach way (shown clearly on p41 of the D&A) and the new construction. It would seem to be a missed opportunity to use green walls for the Level 0 and to the Northern elevation of the extension (external covered escape p31 of the D&A). These would be better visually, and environmentally (cooling and air quality) and green walls and roofs are promoted in the NPPF004 Reference ID: 8-004-20190721. Such treatment would also better blend with the Listed Harrow Park, whereas the current plan is detrimental to the edge of Harrow Park.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Less', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Simon Less

Chair, Harrow Hill Trust Planning Committee

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