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Dear Sirs

Planning Application ref. no: 19/04661/FUL
Land at rear of 40a Kirkgate. Ripon

You have on record the Society's original comments on this application.

It is helpful to have read the document chain in Public Access to observe the Council's conservation concerns about the initial proposal and the constructive response from the agent and architect. Your pragmatic and practical re-assessment of the merits of the existing building is welcome.

As regards the revised proposal, the loss of the small building at the east of the existing range is a disappointment for the variety that it provided to the area. The ultimate insistence on a ridge line parallel to the historic burgage plot boundary is to be expected. However, having seen the imagination first proposed there is some regret that an opportunity has been lost to provide the Kirkgate Yards and Ripon city centre with more innovative twenty-first century design.

I need not add anything further to this representation other than to repeat the request for inclusion of a comprehensive restoration of the Art Deco frontage to Kirkgate including reinstatement of the distinctive vertical sign board.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hughes

Chair, Ripon Civic Society