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Dear Sirs

APPLICATION REF: 6.38.33.D.LB ZC23/02884/LB
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH REMODELLING OF THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF CANAL GATES/STUDLEY TEA-ROOM

APPLICATION REF. NOS: ZC23/02883/FUL - REMODELLING OF AND EXTENSION TO CANAL GATES/STUDLEY TEA-ROOM

APPLICATION REF. NO: ZC23/02903/FUL PARTIAL CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BUILDING FROM TOILET BLOCK TO PROVIDE REFRESHMENT KIOSK

Thank you for your letter of 19th December, consulting Ripon Civic Society on the above Listed Building Application.

I can confirm that, in line with our previous response of the 26th September 2023, that we welcome the proposal for the new facility and we consider that, on balance, it will improve on the existing arrangements. We have no further comments in relation to the Listed Building application.

I would, however, wish to take the opportunity of repeating the following comments we made in our earlier letter in relation to the car park, as follows:

“There is no plan or proposal in these applications to improve the existing car park. This is – and has long been – a very unsightly feature in the deer park. It would benefit, as we suggested earlier, from screening by planting and/or mounding; this was acknowledged in a supporting document, but has not, for whatever reason, been taken further. We would wish to see it tackled as part of these applications”.

We note that in your response to matters raised by third parties and consultees you agree with the Civic Society about the benefits of reducing the size and overall visibility of the carpark and we welcome your offer to discuss this with us further.

However, it remains our view that this should be dealt with by means of a condition attached to the current planning application rather than through a future separate application.

We would ask that you take account of these comments in considering the application.

Yours faithfully

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