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Dear Mr Pyrah

RR/2018/2966 Alterations and Extensions to form five flats, Sussex Hotel, London Road, Bexhill

Bexhill Heritage supports the creation of further Town Centre and near Town Centre residential flatted accommodation. However, we do have concerns about this scheme. It does seem to be something of an overdevelopment with the bulk of the residential building rather dominating its immediate surroundings including nearby dwellings. The resultant loss of car parking and the creation of further demand in an area somewhat bereft of on and off street parking we will leave for the Council to judge, but it is an indicator.

Further –

- The design of the scheme, whilst to a degree sensitive to the appearance of the existing building, approaching the addition with the idea of a seamless junction between old and new is unlikely to be successful.
- The inevitable difference between colours, textures and possibly sizes of materials will emphasize this.
- The window to wall proportions proposed are not sufficiently developed to achieve satisfactory outcome.
- Perhaps the answer in part might lie in a clear break between old and new to create a significant shadowline.
- We hope you and the applicants find these remarks helpful.

Yours sincerely

David Beales Planning Officer Bexhill Heritage