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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to object to this retrospective planning application.

The George Hotel is one of the oldest buildings in the centre of Hayfield, with parts dating back to 1575, when it was built. It lies within the heart of Hayfield's Conservation area and is a very visible part of the Street scene of Church Street, one of the main streets in the village and which, therefore, carries most traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian and also of the A624, a by-pass road, which carries traffic through the centre of the village

The additional structures, at the rear of The George or at the front, have no function whatsoever, and are only there for purely 'cosmetic' purposes, to catch the eye of passing trade, which they certainly do. They are entirely open to the elements on both sides and top.

Neither are in keeping with the age or character of the property and, despite what is claimed, both are clearly visible to passing traffic, either on Church Street or the A624 and more so to pedestrian traffic.

It is notable that when the work to the rear of the building was being carried out a sizeable hedge, which would have afforded some shelter and screening, was removed.

It would appear that work previously carried out at the rear of The George, which includes a large and very obtrusive shiny metal extractor unit, was also completed without resorting to a planning application.

I strongly object to this retrospective planning application as the structures serve no functional purpose, are extremely visible and are not in keeping with either the age or the character of the property, nor Hayfield's Conservation Area, in which they are situated.

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