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Application Reference No. : HPK/2026/0229 Site Address: Spring Shopping Centre & Land South of Station Road
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Submission: Not Object

Comments: I do not object to the this latest plan, since the exterior seems to preserve the main features of the Georgian building. That to me is very important. The demolitions (floors/ceilings being replaced for fire resistance purposes) bring the building up to modern safety standards. This makes sense. I welcome the wish to repair aspects of the exterior, without changing the essential Georgian character of the building. I accept that if the Georgian walls are stripped where they abut more modern buildings, some hard decisions may have to be taken if their condition is found to be too poor for restoration. I am less sure that the increase of glass window size on the curve leading into The Springs is essential. It may be a necessary compromise to enable the ground floor commercial activities of the building to flourish - and so to help the building pay its way. (I am assuming here that illustrations in Capital and Centric's own publicity materials are broadly right and that more radical changes to the exterior are not proposed. This has to be a doubt, since the illustrations show all the inconsistencies of some AI-generated artwork - people sitting outside in pouring rain taking tea, cherry blossom of mature trees where there are none planted to date. I am not sure they portray a determined effort to represent the actuality that would result from this plan being accepted and implemented.)

I have concerns that the new buildings planned to go behind the Winster Place Georgian building - and which will abut it - are too high. (Separate Planning Proposal.) They may swamp what should be the "jewel in the crown" of the new development, of which Winster Place will be a part. They may dominate the view-lines of it from higher parts of the town ie most of it. This would be particularly true if the materials used in that proposal were of lower quality than those originally proposed.

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