



The Planning Officer
Waverley Borough Council
Western Planning Committee
BY EMAIL

8 March 2022

Dear Sir

## The White Horse (WA/2022/00532) - Comment

The Haslemere Society does not wish to object to this application. However, we do have some comments, which are set out below, and which we hope both WBC and the applicant will take in the constructive spirit in which they are offered.

- We would suggest that lime mortar be used to repoint the cobbles on the front pavement, or limecrete be used below then cobbles pointed in lime mortar. Cementitious mortar and/or concrete should be avoided that might lead to rising damp in the front wall of the listed building.
- 2. We would also suggest that more details be proposed on the proposed front door door-furniture (material, design etc.) to ensure they are suitable to the character of the listed building.
- 3. Repointing to the front elevation of the building should be approached carefully. No doubt the conservation officer will inspect to see if repointing is needed at all, as if carried out poorly this would dramatically diminish the appearance of the building's principal elevation. Cementitious pointing should be avoided. Lime mortar should be used, most likely with flush joints.
- 4. The annotation 'opening of top lights of windows on front elevation' we are not sure what this is referring to as the top lights (panes) of each sash window is already glazed and some/all open.
- 5. The scheme proposes several floodlights affixed to the front parapet wall brickwork. This would lead to damage to the historic brickwork. We would suggest the external lighting proposals are rethought so that historic fabric is not damaged. During the works it is advantageous if the various security cameras, alarm boxes, service boxes are removed from the front elevation and the satellite dish removed from the chimneystack if possible.

**Yours Sincerely** 



S. Dullaway (on behalf of The Haslemere Society Planning Group)