

Ground Floor, Hotham House, 1 Heron Square, Richmond, TW9 1EJ
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**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
PROPOSED EXTERNAL CUSTOMER
SEATING AREA**

1.0 Design and Access Statement

1. This Design & Access Statement has been prepared to accompany a planning application for a proposed external customer seating area at Ground Floor, Hotham House, 1 Heron Square, Richmond, TW9 1EJ. Government advice is clear that the level of detail in a Design and Access Statement should be proportionate to the complexity of the application but should not be long.
2. **Amount:** The application proposals are very modest in nature, and simply comprise the creation of an external customer seating area to replace an existing, established, customer seating area. The application proposals would replace the existing associated furniture with new furniture, umbrellas, demarcation planters and external waiter station. Furthermore, the existing artificial grass surfacing would be replaced with new external floor tiles. The associated tables, chairs and umbrellas would be taken in at night and stored inside the restaurant premises when the external seating area is not in use. The application proposals are detailed within the accompanying application drawings. The application proposals include no physical alterations to the premises themselves.
3. **Layout:** The proposed external customer seating area would not alter the existing layout of the existing restaurant accommodation itself. The layout of the external customer seating area itself is shown within the accompanying application drawings, and would simply replace the existing, established external seating area at this site.
4. **Scale:** The proposed external customer seating area would not alter the scale of the existing restaurant accommodation itself. The scale of the proposed external customer seating area would closely match the scale of the existing, established external seating area at this site.
5. **Landscaping:** The proposed external customer seating area would include modest hard and soft landscaping works. The existing artificial grass surfacing would be replaced with external floor tiles, whilst the existing demarcation planters would be replaced with new demarcation planters. Both aspects of these landscaping works are considered to improve upon the appearance of the existing, established external seating area at this site and would represent a visual enhancement of the site.
6. **Appearance:** The proposed external customer seating area would simply replace the existing, established external seating area at the site. The use of new furniture, umbrellas, planters and external waiter station are considered to result in the visual enhancement of the external appearance of the site. It is not considered that any detriment to the character and appearance of the host building nor the wider local street scene would result from the application proposals.

7. **Access:** The proposed external customer seating area would not alter the existing access arrangements at these restaurant premises. Appropriate access within and around the external customer seating area is incorporated within the application proposals.

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