26/00809/LB Midland Hotel, Morecambe.

Lancaster Civic Vision warmly welcomes proposals to up-grade this iconic listed building, which in recent years has become somewhat “tired” in appearance and presentation.

Both external and internal refurbishments are overdue and hopefully will be completed in time to coincide with the launch of the adjoining Eden Project site.

This is such an important Art-deco building and we are pleased to see that the proposed work is carefully designed to harmonise with the original concept of Oliver Hill. The Design and Heritage Statement is very well crafted and we would hope that the work to the building will be of similar quality.

With regard to the plans for the kitchen flue, it has been suggested that, rather than seeking to minimise it, it could be enhanced and embellished as a feature by extending it upwards to create the illusion of a ship’s funnel, in line with the original concept of the building having the appearance of an ocean-going liner.

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