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Plans to 'punch' hole in listed hotel okayed

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PLANS to knock a 'coaching arch' through the frontage of a Grade II Listed hotel in Tenby have been approved by national park planners.

The proposals are part of Leisureplex Hotels Ltd plans to expand the sea-front Cliffe Norton Hotel on The Norton to over 90 bedrooms.

Leisureplex has applied to build a three storey extension at the rear of the hotel and demolish existing recent additions behind the hotel.

In order to create an eight bay car park, plans were submitted to knock through the façade of the listed building.

Local resident David Morgan told national park planners that the hotel's neighbours had long-running concerns over the problems caused by coaches parking outside the hotel, creating traffic problems and causing a danger



The Cliffe Norton Hotel, Tenby.

to pedestrians.

Neighbour John Mckellar said that "punching" the coaching arch through the building was "visually invasive", could cause structural instability to the hotel and adjacent buildings and couldn't be justified to create a mere eight parking places.

Park officer Rob Scourfield said that the park had been told that the creation of the archway was "essential to the future of the hotel". He added that important internal period details would not be lost through the creation of the arch, as they were only retained on the upper floors.

National park planners voted to approve the plans for the extension, subject to a traffic management scheme being put in place and other listed conditions. They also voted to grant listed building consent for the development which would allow the arch to be created.