

Comments for Planning Application 21/00726/F

Application Summary

Application Number: 21/00726/F

Address: 2 The Parade Shirehampton Bristol BS11 9TS

Proposal: Change of use from A3 (coffee shop) to Hot Food Takeaway (Sui Generis Use).

Case Officer: Susannah Pettit

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Eileen Courtney

Address: 1 Barrow Hill Road Shirehampton Bristol

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am objecting to the planning application regarding the Shirehampton Village Cafe, 2 The Parade, change of use from A3 use coffee shop to hot food take-a-way Sui Generis use.

I have seen many changes to Shirehampton High Street over the years and have been a long term resident most of my life. Sadly I have seen the demise of our High Street over the past few years in particular with the loss of retail shopping outlets being replaced with Take-Aways. hairdressers and barbers. What our High Street needs is retail outlets not more take aways. We already have more than enough take aways in our High Street giving choice and quite frankly enough is enough. We are over saturated with them.

It states that the current Shirehampton village cafe opens from 8.30 am until 5pm This is incorrect. It in fact closes at 4pm.

Extending the hours to remain open until 11pm each night and also on a Sunday too is not only inconsiderate to home owners living only a few yards away from said premises but the food smells, litter, anti social behaviour and parking issues and safety will be a huge problem.

Outside the cafe are two disabled parking spaces that are constantly abused and those with a disability have very little chance to use them. I should know as I am disabled and need use of those disabled premises myself. Stating the cafe has 20 car parking spaces near by, does that include the illegal car parking on the bus stop and the yellow lines across the road. This is an accident waiting to happen or in my daughter's case has happened with illegal parking and resulted in my daughter being injured through no fault of her own. The other driver admitted liability and was parked illegally.

The proposed take away will be of no benefit to our community or our High Street. It will not provide a service we supposedly need. It will be detrimental to our High Street. It won't increase footfall either and won't encourage people to stay in the High Street to shop.

The cafe has failed to adapt to covid restrictions whilst other outlets have adapted and continued to support our High Street and our communities too and blaming covid 19 lockdowns for reduction is a poor excuse. The market for cafe's have changed and proper coffee shops such as Ruby Jeans Coffee Shop is the way to go. They are proof how a coffee shop have adapted to the current climate and I continue to support their take away service and buy the essentials I need from their shop. There is also a need for decent bistro's and restaurants which our very own High Street is crying out for. Somewhere decent and welcoming to eat and drink to meet up with friends and family locally.

There is no room for another Take Away and there is no mention as to what they will be selling take away wise. It is unlikely that it will be anything different to what we have. The greasy spoon cafe has had its day and that is what it currently is. Making it a take away will not save this business. Demand has changed and I seriously hope that this planning application is rejected and resigned to the bin where it rightly belongs.