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Dear Mr Macholc:

3/2012/0824 Proposal: Change of use from booking office to walk in booking office. Change of parking to add more additional parking spaces.

Location: Ground Floor Office 6 Abbey Works Back King St

OBJECTION

The Parish Council strongly object to this application as they did to the previous application 3/2009/0127. The concerns expressed at that time have reluctantly been proved to be correct. Permission had been granted (despite the parish councils objection) that the use of the building shall be of a private operators base only and there should not be available for the general public to book a taxi from the building or wait outside. The present proposal removes this condition irrevocably. It would be irresponsible to allow an application whereby prospective clients, walk along an unlit narrow road, without footpath, to an inappropriate back street building. To then increase the number of vehicles commuting to and from this building only increases the risk. This is untenable in a residential area.

The road to exit the premises onto King Street is unmade and unmarked. Road side parking and traffic congestion in Whalley centre will only be exacerbated.

Clearly Policy G1 of the Districtwide Local Plan in the interests of highway safety and the safeguarding neighbouring residential amenity would be ignored if this application were to be approved.

Rather than accept this proposal the parish council would welcome RVBC officers monitoring existing practice by a company which regularly and systematically ignores parking restrictions and time restriction which have been previously imposed.

3/2012/0826 Proposal: 1 x Free-standing double sided internal illuminated forecourt sign
Location: 76 Mitton Road Whalley

OBJECTION

The parish council consider that the proposed free standing illuminated sign in size and character is totally inappropriate to a residential area. The proposed location of the sign will prove to be a significant traffic hazard. Motorists exiting Moor Lane onto Mitton Road will be unable to clearly see oncoming traffic. Furthermore a highly visible sign may prove a distraction to passing motorists.

Policy G1 of the Districtwide Local Plan in the interests of highway safety and the safeguarding neighbouring residential amenity would be ignored if this application were to be approved.

3/2012/0833

Proposal: 2 storey extension and 2 conservatories

Location: 11 Vale House Close Whalley BB7 9TY

No Observations

3/2012/0835

Proposal: Single storey extension

Location: 64 Pendle Drive Whalley BB7 9JT

No Observations

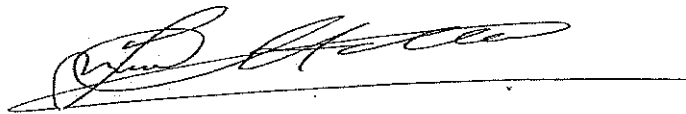
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Proposal: Single storey extension

Location: 13 Woodfield View Whalley BB7 9TB

No Observations

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Holland', written over a horizontal line.

Fred Holland

Clerk to Whalley Parish Council