

22/0678.

13 2022

11.10.2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re Erection of gazebo Chipping Farm Shop

I would like to make my comments heard in relation to the gazebo which is attached to Chipping Farm Shop [REDACTED] In my opinion. [REDACTED]

1. The gazebo blends in well with the adjacent building and adds character and charm to its surroundings
2. The gazebo provides shelter for parents and children walking to and after school – which results in a reduction of the number of cars parking/stopping on the road and so reducing the hazard. As a meeting place for parents and their children it helps to foster community support for people.
3. The gazebo provides shelter for tourists including walkers and cyclists encouraging them to make purchases from the Farm Shop and other retail outlets in the village.
4. By providing a safe sheltered and attractive place to sit the gazebo prevents people straying onto Garstang Road so reducing the risk of road traffic accidents.

I totally support the proposal that the gazebo should remain in place and that the managers of Chipping Farm Shop should be congratulated on adding this useful and attractive structure to the village amenities.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7th October 2022

Dear Sir / Madam.

I am writing in support of the gazebo and sitting area outside Chipping Farm Shop on Garstang Road. Where the gazebo is currently situated, it allows there to be more space for parents of [REDACTED] young children to park safely to get their children into school. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There have been near misses on a number of occasions with children and vehicles over the years.

The owners of the farm shop have allowed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

If the owners of the shop had to move the gazebo, they would lose valuable parking space and parents would then have to walk their children on the road.

I also personally think the gazebo looks lovely and is suits its situation. It doesn't look out of place and it is very much part of the community. I would be very sad to see it go.

If you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

22/0678

Application 3/2022/0678

F 35 4G

13 OCT 2022

FOR THE
ATTENTION OF

To whom it may concern

Re: Above application for retrospective planning permission

I believe objections have been raised to the request for the gazebos to be made into a permanent fixture. I find this very surprising as the gazebos are well built, made of quality materials and their appearance complements the adjacent buildings. The colours match the stonework in such a way that the gazebos are hardly noticeable.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] have no issue at all with their presence.

The gazebos provide a place for visitors to the village (together with many locals) to have a drink and food outside in inclement weather and provide a good alternative to the existing food outlets. Not every visitor wants to sit inside the excellent pubs and cafes in the village. They provide an ideal, covered seating area for cyclists and walkers wanting a quick outdoor snack or drink whilst sheltered from the sun or rain.

They bring a welcome addition to the village as it provides an opportunity for extra income for all of Chipping's retailers. People stopping for a drink often go into the shop and purchase local produce such as meats and cheeses. In the current economic climate anything that enables businesses to survive should be encouraged.

Parents often stop for drinks and a chat when dropping off and/or picking up the children from school and regularly sit under the gazebos for a sheltered catch up. If the gazebos weren't there I suspect the valuable inter family discussions about the children's experiences may not happen. The Parish Council should be encouraging such things rather than presenting and supporting objections to schemes that will help to develop Chipping in a positive way.

I find it interesting that the Parish council has objected to the gazebos saying they look out of place in an historic village. [REDACTED] have no problem with the gazebos yet [REDACTED] that could not be more out of place and less in keeping with the rest of the village.

Any suggestion that the gazebos look like a market stall whilst being ridiculous is also ironic given that the name "Chipping" derives from Old English and means "market place". What are we to expect next? That objections are going to be made to Chipping Christmas market taking place?

The Farm Shop has gone out of its way to improve facilities offered in the village from providing an outdoor all weather eating area to erecting much needed cycle stands. Everybody is being encouraged to take up cycling but, unfortunately, little thought is given to what happens when the cyclists decide they need to rest. The forward thinking by the owners of the Farm Shop has helped with this problem and should be applauded.

The Parish Council and Ribble Valley Borough Council need to uphold their duties and responsibilities by ensuring that any decisions are made with the best interests of the village in mind.

