

Stephen Kilmartin  
Planning Department  
Council Offices  
Church Walk  
Clitheroe  
Lancashire  
BB7 2RA

21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Stephen Kilmartin,

Planning Application No: 3/2024/0214

Grid Ref: 372773 437412

Proposal: Regularisation of change of use from Class B2/B8 (general industrial) to Class E (commercial business and service), provision of mezzanine floor and extension of opening hours to 6.30am to 9.00 pm Monday to Friday, 7.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturdays and 7.00 am to 1.00 pm on Sundays.

Location: Unit 45 Mitton Business Park Mitton Road Whalley BB7 9YE

Whalley Parish Council object to the above application because the original planning permission approved for the Business Park was not intended for Retail and clearly stipulated that;

- The use of the extension permitted shall be for light industrial uses falling within Use Class B1(c) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).
- No extensions or alterations shall be carried out in respect of the extension to which this permission relates which also refers to mezzanine floors.
- The working hours within the premises shall be restricted to the period from 08:00 to 18:00 hours on Mondays to Fridays and 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays only. No work shall take place in the buildings on Sundays, Bank, or Public Holidays.
- The use hereby permitted shall not be open to customers except between the hours of 08:00 to 18:00 Mondays to Fridays and 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays only and not at any time on Sundays, Bank, or Public Holidays.

The proposed change to Class E (commercial business and service) could lead to increased traffic, noise, and environmental pollution in the surrounding area, adversely affecting the quality of life for local residents. The extended operating hours would exacerbate these issues, causing disturbances early in the morning and late into the evening, including weekends.

Allowing the proposed changes would set a precedent for future applications to bypass the carefully considered restrictions that were put in place to maintain the character and

The original hours were set to minimise disruption to the local community, and extending these hours would unfairly impact residents' rights to peace and quiet during evenings and weekends.

In light of the above points, I strongly urge the Planning Department to reject the application for the change of use, provision of a mezzanine floor, and extension of opening hours. Maintaining the

original planning restrictions is crucial to preserving the intended use of the business park and safeguarding the wellbeing of the local community.

Yours sincerely,

*EK Haworth*

Liz Haworth  
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Whalley Parish Council