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Dear Mr Kilmartin

As members of Chatburn Parish Council, we are writing to formally object to the above planning application. At a recent Parish Council meeting, councillors voted unanimously to oppose the proposed change of use from a post office to a fish and chip takeaway. Our objection is based on several grounds of serious concern:

1. Highways and Parking Safety

The proposed site is located at the top of Ribble Lane, an area already recognised as a traffic congestion hotspot. The addition of a takeaway outlet will inevitably increase vehicle movements during peak evening hours, with no provision for safe or adequate parking in the immediate vicinity. This raises significant safety concerns for both pedestrians and other road users.

2. Impact on Local Residents – Noise and Nuisance

The application states proposed opening hours of 4:30pm to 10:30pm, considerably extending the operational hours compared to the existing post office, which currently closes at 8pm. This extended activity, particularly during evening hours, is likely to cause noise disturbance to nearby residents from both customer footfall and vehicle traffic.

3. Odour and Noise from Equipment

The operation of a hot food takeaway would likely introduce strong cooking odours and additional noise from necessary ventilation and extractor systems. This would further impact the quality of life for neighbouring properties and the general amenity of the area.

4. Cumulative Impact in Light of the HARP Project

Although the HARP (Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme) construction work is not due to commence for another year, once it begins, it is expected to cause a significant increase in traffic and disruption within the village over a prolonged 9-month period. Introducing a takeaway business in this timeframe would compound these issues and further strain the already limited infrastructure.

In summary, the Parish Council strongly believes that this proposal is inappropriate for the location and is not in the best interest of local residents or the character of the village. We respectfully request that the planning authority refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Nina Shaw Chatburn Parish Clerk