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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0332

Address of Development: The Post Office , Ribble Lane, Chatburn

Comments: Re: application 3/2025/0332

I object to the above application for the following reasons: -

Consultation

Only the immediately close residents have been notified. There should have been a notice put in the post office for all the post office users to see. Even a public consultation should have been done as this affects everyone in the village. I am certain that if everyone in the village knew what was proposed the majority would object. There is no need for further hot food take-away in this village. We already have what we need.

Application Drawings;

The application does not show any drawings of what the facia of the hot food take-away would look like. Would it be in keeping with the village?

Traffic and Highways

This application will cause even more traffic within the busiest junction of the village. The arrival of a hot foot taka-way will coincide with the introduction of the heavy HARP traffic and the completion of the 39 new houses in the village. There will also be increased traffic from the delivery drivers picking up take-away food. It will cause a significant amount of disruption.

Material Change of Use

This application once granted will constitute a material change of use and it could then become anything. My concern is the character of the village. The Post Office is the hub of the village and an essential facility. We have welcomed the new owners of the Post Office but if this were to close for any further development of take-away it would have a devastating effect on the complete character of the village and an essential facility.

Noise

The ventilation from the fans would cause excessive noise for those living close by . Also, I think it would attract young locals who would sit in the seating and tables outside to eat their food and this would cause additional noise.

Rubbish

That type of enterprise would cause extra rubbish in the area. There is already a lot of rubbish created from the youngsters and children who congregate outside the post office, the hot food already offered in the post office and the hot take away food offered in the butchers on Bridge Road, the Chinese take-away and Hudsons Ice Cream Shop. We don't need any more.

The Post Office

This is such an important part of the village. We are aware of residents from many Ribble Valley villages use it, such as:- Grindleton, West Bradford, Sawley, Downham, Waddington, Gisburn, even Whalley . It is always really busy. The current owners employ people to run it and are not involved in the day to day running of the post office, only that of the shop. It would be a tragedy if the Post Office was ever to close and lost for further development to a food outlet.

I do not want to live in a village which is littered with take-away venues. It is not what anyone expects from a small, rural Lancashire village.