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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0612

Address of Development: Proposed change of use from vacant cinema to children’s role play centre with ancillary cafe.

Comments: I am writing to formally object to the proposed planning permission for the conversion of the vacant cinema into a children’s play centre. While I understand the importance of providing recreational spaces for families, I believe that this development would negatively impact the local area, particularly in terms of traffic, parking, and safety.

The location of the building is situated on a very busy road, which already experiences significant traffic congestion, especially during peak hours. Introducing a children’s play centre would likely increase the flow of traffic, making the road even more hazardous for both motorists and pedestrians.

In addition, parking in the area is already limited. The proposed development could place even more strain on already overcrowded parking spaces, causing further inconvenience for local residents. Many of these residents, including elderly individuals, rely on nearby parking for their daily needs. The increased demand for parking could create additional difficulties for these residents and make it even harder for them to find available spaces.

I would also like to point out that there is already a children’s play area set to open later this year just down the road, which would serve the same purpose as the proposed play centre. With this new facility opening nearby, I believe the demand for an additional play centre in this location is unnecessary, especially given the current traffic and parking issues.

Furthermore, the elderly residents in the area are particularly vulnerable to the risks associated with busy roads and limited parking. The increased traffic and potential hazards caused by the development could pose significant safety concerns for these individuals.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning committee to reconsider the proposed development. While I fully support the idea of providing spaces for children to play, I do not believe that this location is suitable for such a facility, particularly given the existing alternatives in the area.

Thank you for considering my objections. I hope that these concerns will be taken into account during the decision-making process.