

**\*\*EXTERNAL\*\***

## Re: Planning Application No. P22/V1088/FUL

7, Hans Avenue  
Wantage  
OX12 7DB

It is with dismay that I learn that the Planning Officer is recommending that the proposed change of use of the Motorist Shop to a Hot-Food Takeaway should be granted. This is despite overwhelming objections from local residents and their families, and the decision of the Town Council, who clearly know the location and agree with the concerns of those who live in the immediate area.

These concerns have been summarised correctly in the report by the Business Support Officer, dated 26th August, in particular:  
the increased hours, noise, odour, traffic congestion and parking, together with the likelihood of litter and late-night anti-social behaviour.

However each concern has been dismissed as either irrelevant or of no consequence, with just a nominal concession, reducing evening opening by only one hour on some evenings.

In Paragraph 5. 11 this Hot-Food Takeaway is stated as being a local neighbourhood facility, whose appeal will be to nearby residents. I can assure you as one of the 49 objectors, it is not wanted.

Of the 4 who supported the application and who live further away from Hans Avenue, their reasons were that it will be easier to park here than in town and it will be somewhere to congregate. This is as we fear, especially in late evenings.

In concluding the document concerning the Planning Committee on 7th September, the author Martin Deans refers to the Human Rights Act 1998 - "The harm to individuals has been balanced against public interest...."  
I am one of the high proportion of elderly residents here who will lose the feeling of safety and security that living in this quiet cul-de-sac affords and who consider that our wellbeing will have been totally disregarded if planning permission is granted.

Mrs Margaret Fordham

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