

Appendix 3

The Town Council objected on grounds of:

- Blocking of the public footpath would be hazardous to pedestrians, forcing them into the highway.
- The proposed would significantly obscure visibility to vehicles at busy A-road roundabout.
- Additionally, the location would obscure visibility and potential access to a local business park, nursery as well as a bus stop.
- The location is on a double yellow line.
- The business was considered to be out of keeping with the area.

Councillors – objections were received from ward councillors on the following grounds:

- From the photograph the proposed location is on the pavement which is for pedestrian use and not for the permanent siting of this food outlet. The application states that no one owns this land this is incorrect it is Buckinghamshire Council land.
- The road as you can see from the photograph has double yellow lines at the point of this proposed location, which means it would not be appropriate for a food takeaway business where cars would stop as close as possible to pick up their purchase. This would be encouraging motorists to break the law and create congestion in a restricted area impacting road safety.
- Old Amersham is a conservation area and this unit would be totally out of keeping with the character of the area.
- The potential for noise and disruption going on until 23.00 each day, so close to residential properties would be totally unacceptable.
- We would strongly recommend that this application is not granted.

Thames Valley Police – Stated:

- Objection. The proposed position is entirely double yellow lines and bus stops to both sides. The business intends to site the van on the slightly widened pavement area, very close to the junction with the Tesco roundabout. This could adversely affect traffic flow and visibility splays, especially when considering that most clientele will arrive in vehicles and park in the roadway nearby; impacting the bus stop and the busy roundabout. It might also encourage customers to use the three nearby private car parks of local businesses: one of which appears to be a children's nursery, which is highly likely to have overlapping business hours. Not only might this cause difficulties for these businesses, it would also increase the risk of these sites becoming adopted congregation points; promoting anti-social behaviour.

Buckinghamshire Environmental Health

- Objection. The proposed siting of the street trader and the proposed operating days and hours are considered unsuitable for this type of trading activity. Environmental Protection have significant concerns about the potential impact of both noise and odour from the proposed trading. Odour from cooking hot food from a mobile trailer/van in this setting is likely to impact on nearby residents. Similarly, noise from

both the general operation of the trailer/van (i.e. possible generator, engine running, cooking noises) as well as potential noise from customers of the trader also have a the potential to significantly disturb local residents

Buckinghamshire Council Highways Authority – No objection.

Public Response – 1 objection was received from local residents on the following grounds:

- Amersham Old Town is a historic and beautiful location, and a burger and kebab van is unbecoming of that location, probably negatively affecting the number of visitors to the Old Town and negatively affecting the current businesses.
- The high amount of litter and smell generated from a burger and kebab van will further negatively affect the historic Amersham Old town area, probably having the same negative effect on visitors and current businesses, as well as being unsightly and unhealthy for residents.
- As the father of a primary school child I will not be comfortable with having to walk past a burger and kebab van every day on the way home from school given the negative health consequences of the foods and drinks they will sell. Many primary school children pass this location on their way home from the local school. Are Buckinghamshire Council happy that primary school children will be exposed to this van every day?
- The trading hours mean that customers will be at the van up until 23.00 hrs. The van is proposed to be located outside 62 The Broadway Amersham, which also places it outside The McCarthy & Stone Amersham Retirement Living development and several historic houses. The noise from customers and their potential anti-social behaviour common to these vans up until 23.00 hrs will I imagine be very disturbing for these residents, who I believe do not know about this application (the street sign was located away from these properties for the short time it was there) and would object if they did.