

Dear Ms May

Further to your recent visit when we discussed the application for a licence for hot and cold drinks situated in the lay-by ^{our} property, I would wish to inform you that we would strongly oppose this application as this would incur more noise, rubbish, the chance of increased accidents, possible criminal activity and plus this being a general eye-sore. The last time there was a mobile cafe in this lay-by they were using our run off drain for a public convenience. We have a piece of land at the side of the lay-by, which houses our cesspit and we already have problems with lorry drivers breaking down the fence wire and leaving excrement and toilet paper blowing over our property plus rubbish left behind by them, not to mention the fly tipping that has been going on and blocking the drainage trench, which stops the flooding outside our property. We are experiencing noise from the lorries that pull in and out and also driving over kerbs and frontage, and one haulier uses this lay-by as a trailer swap twice weekly, this is extremely noisy at 4 am in the morning. Also fridge lorries are running all night. You have mentioned that the usage would be between 6 am and 4pm, when in fact it will probably turn out to be 5 am to 6 pm, owing to set up. This cafe will increase the traffic, more noise, litter and possibly rats. This could also provide a meeting place for criminal activity. We already have on the southbound carriageway a site for a mobile cafe and from speaking to you it is still licensed, but not being used. However, they were there on 25 May 2017 at 13.00 hrs. There is also a very busy cafe on the northbound carriageway, which appears to be permanent and is called 'yee haas'. I feel this should be sufficient on this highway. We feel we have seen enough accidents and experienced enough horn blowing from this lay-by. We pay considerable rates to live in the Belbroughton area, and would really like it left as it currently is as we feel we have sufficient problems with this lay-by without adding any further nuisance. Just as a matter of interest we feel such a cafe on this site would affect the sales of food provided by the local pub, namely the Holly Bush, but of course this is just our view on this.

Kind regards