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Tanworth-in Arden  
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1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection to Street Trading in Broad Lane, Branson's Cross

I wish to make representations re the current above application and strongly object to any granting of consent. The site in question is totally on the road and pavement, only doing business with passing drivers, who can only park on the road and quite often on the pavement. Your records may show innumerable accidents over the years, with street furniture and lighting often demolished on the sharp bend approach off the A435. As a result of fatal accidents the footpath crossing facility was denied locals who are now forced to use the underpass to cross the A435. Not so the drivers, who leave their cars HGVs, and abandoned trailers, sometimes overnight, they choose to leap the barriers.

There is left on site a mobile fibre glass toilet which is a nuisance and probably smelly. This is detrimental to the area and contributes to the general littering and mess.

The service is not needed in the area which is well served by the shop across the road, 24hrs a day, and a public house. Most of the HGV drivers go on to OAKLANDS in Seafeld Lane where they have canteen facilities, toilets and parking off the road.

I would like to know why in 1998, when I contacted Bromsgrove Council to tell them of large lorryloads of mixed builders and apparent chemical waste being dumped on the small triangular field immediately adjacent to this caravan and toilet, I was told it was nothing to do with you. The waste remains having been bulldozed into huge mounds and covered with soil to hide it. The grounds for the abrogation of responsibility were presumably over the handing over of planning responsibility, for this exact location, to Warwickshire County Council under Statutory Instrument 1993 No. 272 over the (County Boundaries) order 1993 wef Dec 1993 and 1.4.1994. What has happened since then to give Bromsgrove jurisdiction over Warwickshire planning matters. Please explain at your earliest.

Yours Sincerely

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DEVELOPMENT

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Tanworth In Arden  
Solihull  
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30-05-2010

Dear Sir,

i wish to register my stongest objection to the re-licence to the street trader in the slip road (not a Lay- bye) off the A435 to Broad Lane. i am one of the residents that has encounted a very near miss as i exited the A435 i was met by a very large truck that was waiting for another one to move so he could take up this space this i feel is just an accident waiting to happen as there is just not enough space to allow queing for this sevice. ALSO the siting of a Porto Loo is an eyesore we in Tanworth In Arden do not need. Another ugly sore is the signage in the trees along the A435 advertising the snack bar two in the same tree. five in all. I have been observing this trader for more than a year now both in winter and summer, have you noticed the distruction to the verges caused by these heavy goods vehicles and have now started to park and sleep over night. Please can we ask you to take some action on our behalf.

Yours sincerely

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30 May 2010



**Bromsgrove District Council**  
Burcot Lane  
Worcs B60 1AA

Dear Sirs

**Application for a Street Trading Consent: Broad Lane, Branson's Cross**

I have seen an undated circular circulated to "The Occupier" which apparently is owners/occupiers of any properties near the proposed location. Even though my house is under half a mile from the location I strangely did not receive any such notice.

My thoughts on the matter are that the application should be refused on the following grounds :-

The location and use is not suitable; the area concerned is merely an access road from the A435 and as such is not even a lay by. This part of the road is one way up to a point and I can foresee potential traffic problems from both directions.

If the use is formalised the use of signage and an established use will encourage more commercial vehicles to use this stretch of road to park articulated and other vehicles. Apart from a potential shortage of space from vehicles leaving the A435 in a southerly direction to reach the site; others will use the two way section of the road to reach the site. This two way part is only meant for access to services and farm land and it would be dangerous for vehicles to turn 180 degrees in this area as they cannot proceed past a certain point.

If there is a need for a snack bar and toilet then the long standing problem of nearby areas should be resolved for a permanent solution. One of these is the Alderhanger lay by which was closed a couple of years ago because of unseemly night time activity. This has deprived the A435 of a much needed lay by even if it has solved the evening problem. If the trees were cut or thinned it would expose the area and it could be re-opened and monitored.

Secondly, the Branson's Cross junction with the garage on one side and the Cross and Bowling Green is an accident waiting to happen. The sight line for people leaving the garage is the most appalling one I have experienced in over 40 years of driving. If a facility is needed for motorists then this whole areas should be redeveloped for fast food/snacks including an area for commercial vehicles.

The snack bar on the A435 slip road to Broad Lane makes the area seem very scruffy and not in keeping with the tone of the road which is the beginning of a well kept residential area.

Finally, I do not agree to legalise the use of temporary building on a permanent basis. If it is not legalised it means that the Council can turn them off the site at any time and this is an important aspect which would not be an option if the licence is granted.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]





3 June 2010

Bromsgrove District Council  
Burcot Lane  
Worcestershire  
B60 1AA



Dear Sir / Madam

**Street Trading Consent – David Alcock trading as Ants Snacks, Broad Lane, Bransons Cross**

We **strongly** oppose the granting of a street trading license for the above-named person trading on the slip road leading from the A435 to Wood End.

The food van trading in this location breaches several of the clauses in 4.1 and 4.2 of your 'Criteria for Street Trading Consents'.

4.1

(a) **Public Safety**

We have witnessed on several occasions a build up of traffic around the van when potential customers are trying to find somewhere to park. The area is not large enough to handle the size of vehicles and in addition, there is no space for these vehicles to park legally, therefore, they attempt to park on the pathway/road which results in damage to the pedestrian walkway and creates a health & safety hazard for pedestrians.

Traffic coming off the A435 onto the slip road is still travelling at speed and manoeuvres by parking vehicles in the middle of the road cause a very real hazard for motorists. We are surprised there has not already been an accident, however, it is only a matter of time before this happens if this is allowed to continue.

(c) **Public Order**

There is considerable litter left after the van has finished trading, particularly polystyrene cups which get blown from the area across the fields and is a serious hazard for the grazing animals in the adjoining fields. The litter can also be found in residential areas whereby residents have to collect the debris left behind to keep their own properties clean and tidy. There seems little consideration given by either the owner or customers to the van on keeping the area tidy.

**(d) Needs of the Area**

This is a quiet residential area with no offices or work places nearby. There is no need by the residents of a hot food van parked on a slip road.

Since this van has been allowed to operate we have seen an increase in the number of vehicles illegally parking overnight, which is unsightly for residents and considerable increases the number of large vehicles and traffic movement in the area. There would be little reason, if any, for lorries to access that area other than the location of the hot food van and the portable toilet.

4.2 The van and the portable toilet, which is left there overnight, are very unsightly, particularly as this is the first sight many people see on entering the village from the A435. This is a very expensive residential area where residents have paid large sums for their houses. We keep our properties and gardens maintained to a high standard and to be met with the disruption and disturbance of this van as we enter the village has caused much distress. We can see no benefit whatsoever to residents and feel our right to enjoy the views as you enter the village and our homes has been compromised by this trader.

We would also like to draw your attention to the issues that we had to endure before action was taken in relation to the lay by located off the A435 which used to have a snack van. This also encouraged visitors from outside of the area and resulted in overnight parking of HGV's exacerbating an existing issue of inappropriate sexual behaviour.

It is worth noting that the council did take onboard the comments and communication of the residents and closed this area off.

We very much trust the Council does not grant a license to this trader to trade at this location. We are sure there must be better locations that are fit for purpose where lorries and vans can stop without the distress and disruption to residents that this temporary operation causes.





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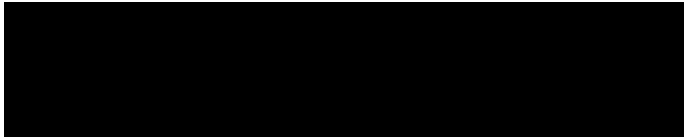


Dear Sirs,

I wish to lodge an objection to the application for a street trading license by David Alcock at Broad Lane Bensons Cross. I see no need for this facility given the 24 hour garage directly opposite with a substantial choice of food & beverages. Additionally there is often litter blowing from the area onto Broad lane & congestion caused by lorries.

Yours faithfully





Tanworth in Arden, Solihull



**Re: Street Trading Application by David Alcock, at Bransons Cross**

Dear Sirs,

We wish to make representation concerning this application which we believe poses serious public safety, public order and public nuisance issues as stated below:

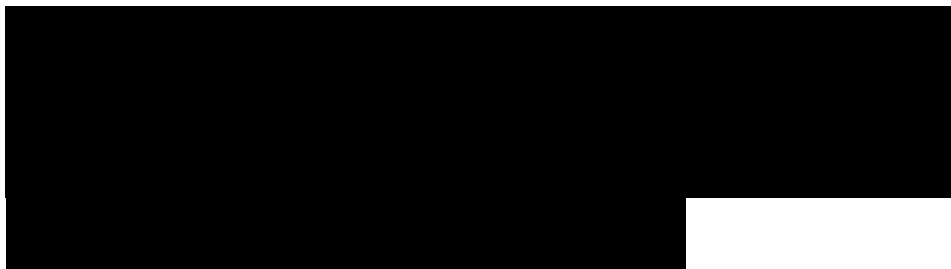
1. The siting of the mobile snack van is a risk to public safety. It is situated on a slip road off the A435. It is not actually on Broad Lane as stated on the application. This slip road is not a lay-by, nor is it a car park. The slip road is not wide enough to accommodate the HGVs and other vehicles that use it and is certainly not a good place for the vehicle manoeuvring that goes on there at busy periods. On numerous occasions we have witnessed dangerous parking and vehicles reversing down the slip road and even facing the wrong way and having to turn round. We have also seen HGVs attempting to parallel park along the slip road. This slip road is clearly not wide enough as the vehicles have to park on the verge, causing damage to it. Vehicles using this snack van have to exit the A435 and then return onto it via Broad Lane, increasing the traffic flow, particularly of slow moving HGVs crossing a busy fast moving road.
2. Increased HGV usage has led to increased noise levels for local residents and particularly us as we are so close.
3. The applicant has put up signage along the A435 actively encouraging HGVs to pull off the A435 and park on this slip road. It is our understanding that it is illegal to do so and we also understand that he has been requested to remove these signs and he has failed to do so. This is a good enough reason in its own right to refuse his application as he has shown his blatant willingness to flaunt authority, rules and regulations.
4. The applicant has placed a portaloo on the site. On several occasions we have seen this on its side and it is currently leaning at an angle that must make it difficult to use and we suspect may contravene environmental standards. It is also left overnight once the snack van has left for the day. This encourages HGVs to park overnight on the slip road. This has only happened since the snack van appeared.

5. The overall site is unsightly and not complementary to the character of the area, with flags flying from the van, badly written signage close to the site and along the A435 (which we assume is illegal). The portaloos are unsightly. The damage to the slip road through increased traffic was so bad that it had to be resurfaced recently. The verges have not been repaired but they need to be. They are not intended for HGVs to park on. In wet weather mud from the verges is often transferred onto the road which is unsightly and could prove dangerous .
  
6. This trader is not bringing anything new to the area. There are numerous snack vans along the A435 with better and safer access. These other vans do not advertise their services. This applicant has to advertise because he is taking traffic off the dual carriageway, effectively in to a residential area.

What we find most galling about this applicant is that he has been allowed to prosper by ignoring highways regulations by putting up cheap signage on the highway. He has built up a clientele through these actions and if his application was to be successful it sends out all the wrong messages to law abiding citizens.

We strongly urge you to refuse this application, return this slip road to its proper purpose of allowing vehicles to exit the A435 in a safe manner, and to repair the verges.

Yours faithfully

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Tanworth-in-Arden  
Solihull  
Warwickshire

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Mr John Davies  
Planning and Environmental Services  
Bromsgrove District Council  
The Council House  
Burcot Lane  
Bromsgrove  
B60 1AA



Dear Mr Davies

**STREET TRADING APPLICATION**

I object to the street trading licence application reference to a mobile roadside snack bar apparently known as Ants Snacks situated on Broad Lane, Branson's Cross on the slip road just off A435.

I live very close to where this mobile vehicle parks and the portable toilet that is now left there overnight. In addition, the presence of the facility encourages HGVs and others to park overnight in a wholly unsuitable and dangerous place. I am appalled by the fact that this street trading, which is completely uncharacteristic of this residential area, could be allowed to continue:

Specifically, the grounds for my objection are:

**1. Road safety**

- a. There are several unsightly signs on the main trunk road A435 travelling South and this could lead to distraction and accident as HGVs and others seek the exit.
- b. The parking of several vehicles on the slip road could lead to real danger as vehicles exit from A435 (a fast road) onto the slip road where there is no proper warning of the snack place and the line of parked vehicles. Some of these vehicles are left overnight.
- c. Emergency vehicles leaving A435 South or turning there to take the A435 North could be impeded by the parked vehicles.

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**2. Safety – public health and hygiene**

We cannot see how appropriate food hygiene can be maintained at a roadside site with a portable toilet.

**3. Need for the trading**

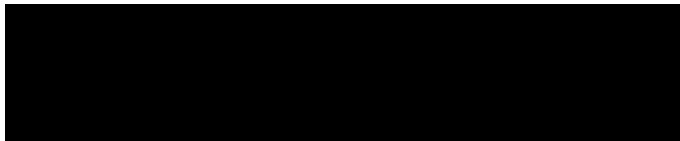
- a. There is absolutely no need for this facility. Travellers on A435 South will have travelled only six miles from the Birmingham City boundary where there are many facilities. Many long distance travellers will have come from M42 just a mile away North on A435. For those who have travelled East on M42, they will have just passed a service area as they come to the A435 junction. Those who were travelling West on M42 will have found service centres on M40 and M42 within reasonable proximity.
- b. There is a garage at Branson's Cross (just across the road from the site that is the subject of the application). The garage has a toilet and sells sandwiches and snacks, chocolate bars and similar as well as petrol and a full range of convenience store type items.

**4. Damaging the character of the area**

The temporary toilet and the snack bar itself are ugly and damaging to the area as are the series of signs painted on to rough sign boards and fastened to trees along A435. It is completely inappropriate to have vehicles parked overnight at this site. The presence of this street trading outlet at this location is completely out of character for the area.

Please take this letter as a statement of wholehearted objection to the application for a street trading licence.

Yours sincerely



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Tanworth In Arden  
Warwickshire

8 June, 2010

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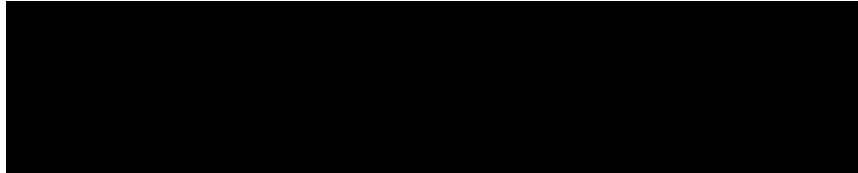
Dear Sir,

I refer to your recent undated letter regarding the above and living very close to the site in question, wish to formally raise objection to the application for the following reasons.

1. We believe that there is a fundamental health and safety issue here in that we already know of one incident when a non resident was drawn off Broad Lane by his advertising boards into the slip road and then when he had finished his snack tried to access the A435 the wrong way down the slip road into the oncoming traffic. In addition we have witnessed vans and similar sized vehicles, which had entered the slip road from Broad Lane and then trying to do a three point turn on this very narrow strip of road, in order to go out the way they came in, causing vehicles to back up along the slip road. On this particular matter, I personally have been involved in the problem of cars backing up along the slip road while two or three HGV's try to manoeuvre themselves into a parking place in the very restricted area. Finally there is the matter of his portaloo, which is not only unsightly and prone to being tipped over by the local children, this has to be emptied by a vehicle, which has to back into position adjacent to the loo again blocking the slip road and causing traffic to back up. **These are accidents waiting to happen.**
2. The current trader has unsightly boards in trees along the side of the A435, advertising "Snax" in the lay by ahead. May I point out that this is not a lay by but a slip road leading from the A435 into Broad Lane, which was constructed with the by-pass in the 1970's. **It has never been a lay by.** Further more these heavy lorries have already broken up both the kerb edgings and the road surface, which has had to be repaired since this latest activity commenced and which is already starting to deteriorate again. No doubt the Council or the Highways authority (and indirectly us through our taxes) paid the costs associated with those repairs and not the root cause of the damage – the street trader.
3. We understand that there are regulations governing the size and positioning of signage along our roads. Not only has this man trespassed in order to fix his ugly signs to trees etc., we are advised that he has protected these signs by installing trip wires and

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4. There is also the question of litter building up both in the verge and in the field behind the slip road. This can be considerable at times with whole black bags being tossed into the field. The farmer used to keep animals in this field – usually horses and sheep but since this trading commenced this has stopped again affecting our semi rural lives.
5. We now also have a situation where HGV's are now using the slip road to park up over night, again on a road which is clearly not suitable for this and which could also be a fuse for the re-appearance of the unsociable activities which went on just down this same section of road in Alderhanger Lane, during 2005 through to 2007, against which the local people worked so hard to remove it.
6. Finally we do not consider that there is any need for this facility here as there are ample, well established premises with proper safe parking, between Becketts Farm and Mappleborough Green along the A435.



To: - Bromsgrove District Council, Burcot Lane, Worcestershire, B60 1AA.