



14th April 2010

Mr Davies
Licensing Assistant
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Bromsgrove District Council
The Council House
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Dear Mr Davies

Re:- Application for a Street Trading Consent - Bromsgrove District Council

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a representation regarding Mr Anthony Woolley's street trading consent application for a mobile snack van at the position of the Slideslow lay-by, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove.

I write to inform you that I strongly believe Bromsgrove District Council should reject this application on the following basis:

The 'Street Trading' consent policy (adopted on 20th January 2010) states that the policy has been designed to fulfil a number of aims. As one of the residents of the said lay-by, I am obliged to inform you that this application fails to fulfil the criteria as required on a number of points. I am aware that the points are not always specific to the snack bar and hence the question must be raised on whether the lay-by should or should not be used as a rest area at all or certainly in a more restricted manner.

Public Safety

1. Commercial vehicles parked tightly up to all the entrances of the properties and the Golf Centre, not only restricting access but also reducing the line of sight of other oncoming vehicles making it dangerous when leaving driveways.
2. Commercial vehicles often abandon their trailers for periods of time without thought for other motorists. These trailers are often left throughout the night in total darkness with no lights or cones to give warning. These trailers are hazardous and should be ignored at peril.
3. One particular 'Waiting Restriction' sign is also leaning dangerously.

Nuisance and Annoyance – obstruction of vehicles access

1. Customers waiting to buy their refreshments ‘to go’, often park alongside the snack bar restricting the throughway for other vehicles.
2. Customers using the facility are oblivious to through traffic using the slip road, often standing in the middle of the road or meandering across creating a hazard to passing vehicles.
3. Vehicles parked on both sides of the slip road leave only a narrow throughway to pass between, particularly when vehicles’ doors are left ajar.

Damage to Highways

1. Encouraging commercial vehicles to use this slip road as a rest area has been to the detriment of the road surface. The surface is breaking up and in need of repair. May I request that this slip road is incorporated into your maintenance program for resurfacing.
2. Commercial vehicles, particularly excessively long vehicles that frequent this slip road are prone to damaging the access via the A448 and both sides of the grass verges, which when soft are left rutted. Are the Local Authorities not responsible for mowing and maintenance in this vicinity?

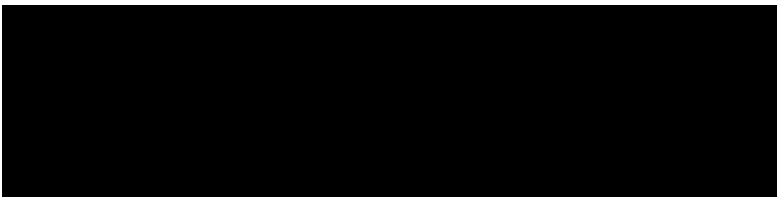
Environmentally – ‘Disturbance of the Peace’ (insensitive to the needs of residents and nearby business)

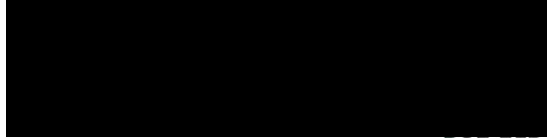
Whilst our property suffers considerably from commercial vehicles using this slip road, I am sure the other residents also have similar issues. Our privacy is frequently disturbed due to the proximity to the lay-by.

1. Commercial vehicles noisily arriving and departing at all hours, 7 days a week.
2. Vehicles parked at the end of the garden with engines/refrigeration humming at all unsociable hours. Sleep is regularly disturbed by the noise and vibration created by these vehicles, which rattles the windows.
3. Our privacy is compromised through the parking of high sided vehicles in full view of the front elevation of the house, notably in evenings and Sunday afternoons.
4. Motorists of all kind using the rest area frequently urinate in full view of the bedroom windows. A sight my family is regularly subjected to.

Bromsgrove District Council have for far too long overlooked the interests of local residents when encouraging the use of the lay-by as a rest area. Although I acknowledge that Mr Woolley probably provides a very professional service and I must say keeps the area tidy, it is however for these reasons that the application be refused, steps taken to ban commercial vehicles from using this slip road and proper restrictions put in place to stop parking nearby residents properties. (Note: photographic evidence may be provided if required)

Yours sincerely





Dear Sir

As the owner of [REDACTED], I write to object to the proposed application of Mr Anthony Woolley for a street trading consent.

The Council should know that the residents of the Old Stratford Road have previously tried to remove this snack van from trading on the service road due to the numerous anti-social acts of the snack van and drivers using the facility.

To greatly improve the aspect of the lay-by and the view for drivers passing around Bromsgrove on the busy A38 the Council would be better placed in removing the eyesore of the snack van permanently rather than allowing it's endorsed residency.

Yours faithfully



Our ref: [REDACTED]

1st April 2010

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Dear Sirs

Re: Application for a Street Trading Consent – Ants Snack Van

Further to your recent letter, we wish to object to the application by Mr Anthony Woolley to trade from Mobile Snack Van (Ants Snacks) on the following grounds:

The application received from Mr Woolley states that he wishes to trade from his mobile snack van on the following hours:

Monday to Friday 8.00 to 2pm (6 hours)

and

Saturday 8.00am to 1.00 (5 hours)

This could not possibly be granted as it clearly contravenes “any existing traffic regulation orders e.g. waiting restrictions” as stated within 4.2 Criteria for street trading consents.

The existing traffic regulation orders e.g. “Waiting Restrictions” – (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order 1996) imposed March 1996 are clearly displayed on the numerous parking signs erected 1996.

(P) 4 hours

No return within 4 hours

These restrictions are ignored daily by the many vehicles that park on the Old Stratford Road – service road, in particular the mobile snack bar that unbelievably actually parks his van in front of the restriction sign.

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Therefore to turn a "blind eye" as the Council and enforcing bodies have done for the many years that the snack bar has been illegally parked would surely be a mockery to it's own parking restriction orders if it was to grant the proposed application to Mr Woolley.

We strongly object to the proposed application and furthermore request that the Council take note of our complaint against the illegal parking in excess of the said 4 hours parking restriction limit and bring the fact to the attention of the relevant authorities.

Yours faithfully

