

DC Admin

From:
Sent: 28 October 2024 17:51
To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to planning app 2024/92992 for click n collect unit
Attachments:

We have received notification about the planning application 2024/92992 for a click n collect parcel unit at Londis store, 28/30 Leeds Road, Birstall. We strongly object to this already existing unit for the following reasons:-

As shown in the attached images, the unit is only inches from the boundary wall and our drive. If, as were initially informed, the unit must be at least 5 metres from the highway how can it be acceptable to be only inches away from a residential drive/garden?

In December 2022 when M. Senthilnathan was granted a licence to sell alcohol there were conditions imposed. Initially the opening times requested were 6.00am until midnight but on hearing objections raised by local residents the opening hours were set at 7.00am until 10.00pm. This was to give us residents living next to or close to the shop some respite from traffic and shop activity (early morning deliveries). So, now we have a unit that is in use 24/7 and have vans arriving to empty the unit at all hours of the day and night. There are also cars parking up to drop off parcels at all hours. Isn't this defeating the object of the reduced opening hours of the shop?

Living next to the shop we can see cars parking up outside our house, more often than not blocking or partially blocking our drive. The said drivers are using the parcel unit but NOT using the shop! Some days we have a constant stream of cars just parking up for a few minutes, paying no regard to the H bar across our drive or our car in the drive.

Transit van drivers are big offenders, choosing to block our drive rather than park outside the shop. Menzies and DPD being two such companies that have issued written apologies for the personal insults we have received when asking a driver to move their vehicle and allow us to exit or enter our property. We have had far too many verbal confrontations with drivers when asking them to move their vehicles a few feet. This all started when the click n collect unit was installed. The shop is not benefiting from more customers, just encouraging more vehicles to park up for short periods. At the meeting in December 2022, M. Senthilnathan verbally agreed to the Licensing panel that he would monitor the parking situation with a view to asking customers to be considerate to neighbouring residents when parking up. This has never happened and as shown in an attached image, one of the shop workers totally ignored our request to him and the van driver that was parked over our drive, when we were sat in our car and obviously wishing to exit our drive.

Since the installation of this unit, we at no 26 Leeds Road have had nothing but aggravation, confrontation and trouble. It is not an asset to the community just a nuisance in every way. We have

lived at this address for 43 years and never had so much trouble and stress because of the shop before. For these reasons we object to planning application and hope to see it removed and calm restored .

Kind regards

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