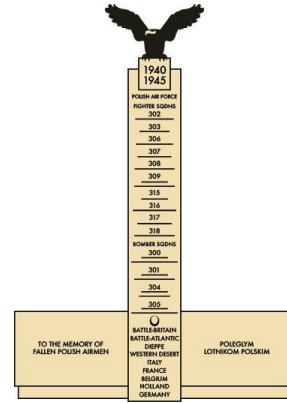


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To Mr Lloyd White

Re: Planning application 73901/APP/2021/37. Erection of Ancillary coffee pod in Victoria road retail park South Ruislip

I write on behalf of the South Ruislip Residents Association (SRRA) and the residents of South Ruislip with respect to the above planning application. We would wish to express our extremely strong objection to this proposal. There are a number of concerns as listed below –

1. There have been many instances of anti-social behaviour emanating from this site and in particular from the exact same location proposed for the coffee pod. The nature of the anti-social behaviour at this site relates mainly to motor vehicles being raced around the car park mostly late at night. This results in increased air pollution and an unacceptable level of noise pollution. This has severely interfered with the quality of life of all residents living on Victoria Road and adjacent roads as the noise is extremely loud.

There has been a great deal of work done through the good offices of Cllr Allan Kaufman to eradicate the problem, this has also involved the local Safer Neighbourhood team. Approaches have been made to the site owners to have the security barriers already fitted at the site closed after end of trading each day to prevent access to the site. This should be looked at by the council planners and a condition placed on the site to prevent access to the car parks once the retail outlets cease trading.

Placing a coffee shop at this location will in effect be saying to the perpetrators of the anti-social behaviour that's no problem and by the way here's a coffee shop for you to enjoy while you are being anti-social thus condoning their actions.

2. Victoria Road is an already heavily congested road and located directly across from the proposed site is Queensmead School it is obvious that a fast-food outlet such as

this would be a great attraction to the students at both lunchtime and after school. This would increase the incident of pupils crossing the road at a point where there are no safe crossing points thus increasing the risk of accidents and more importantly the risk of death or injury to those pupils. Does the council have a position with respect to not allowing fast food outlets to be opened in the vicinity of schools? If not why not?

3. There are already a number of places within South Ruislip where people can source coffee most of the fuel stations have facilities together with – Costa coffee, The Ramada hotel, Asda café, The Grill, The Rumbling Tum and the Old Diary site cinema and restaurants which will no doubt be open again soon.
4. Drugs are also an issue in the area and the meets that occur within open car parks, the police have been working on this for a number of years and providing excessive resources trying to deal with the car park meets and the associated drug issues. These issues have had a detrimental impact on the area.
5. Police have in the past collected over 100 signatures with respect to noise and light pollution emanating from these sites due to misuse. Many of our residents feel that making calls with respect to anti-social behaviour is pointless. The approval of this application will just confirm to them that the council is not interested in their right to an acceptable quality of life.
6. This is not an issue that can be solved by someone sitting behind a desk and using computer modelling, its adverse impact will be felt by real people.
7. The support of this application would not enhance the councils nurturing of a good strong community in South Ruislip. Many people have been working extremely hard in recent years and months to improve the overall look and feel of our area and our membership of approximately 1900 members support the ethic of keeping South Ruislip a clean, safe and healthy community.

What we as an association and our residents call upon all councillors, council officers and those members of the planning committee to do is uphold the headline ethic of Hillingdon council with respect to **PUTTING RESIDENTS FIRST** and put our resident's interests before those submitting this application.

Yours Faithfully

Sid Jackson
Vice Chairman SRRA

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