

Felicia Blake

From: RoseMarie Cornish <----->
Sent: 23 February 2020 16:02
To: Felicia Blake
Subject: IP307 Planning Proposal

Dear Felicia

I hope this finds you well.

Please find my changed objection letter as promised. I will send photo's separately.

Kind regards

RoseMarie

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Dear Sirs / Madam

It saddens me to think the Co-op have decided there is no need for a shop on this land but I beg to differ and think they have just set their sights on building houses.

The former Co-op was doing very nicely (Takings of £4000 on a Sunday) but it threw in the towel once Asda opened it's doors on Stoke Park Drive. Next door to the Co-op was a very successful hairdressers alongside a Kitchen Design store but these were given notice and our community fell apart. If you look at the Chantry / Pinewood area they have three Co-op stores in very close proximity to the new Aldi, then just up the road there is the huge Tesco Store plus B&M and coming this way there is Asda. Sometimes the traffic flow is so bad at the latter that vehicles are queuing out on the road to get in. It kind of defeats what the Co-op are saying about their store not being viable.

We are on the brow of a hill with an ageing population and some of us are not very mobile making it near impossible to travel down and up to Asda. Come to that, younger families without transport have an awful long way to walk from Maidenhall to Asda.

The Co-op, (slogan, local caring shop) was the hub of the community, once they decided to close that and the adjoining stores, the community spirit fell away. People have become very isolated and with this comes depression. Mental health is a big issue nowadays and I hope this is taken into account when considering the proposals.

AGE UK ran a very successful shop within the former Co-op, (taking £100,000 per year) they had so many plans to set up a little cafe and a community centre within the store. These are things we desperately need in this area as we have nothing to bring the community together. I contacted AGE UK and they replied saying it wasn't their choice to close and given the chance they would carry on.

We bought our property over 50 years ago and have seen a great many changes. The main reason in buying was the stunning and iconic view up the River Orwell, no bridge back in 1969. This is something which can be enjoyed by many people in this part of town and it would be criminal and heartbreaking if we were to lose that wondrous view. Lord Belstead was insistent that the land in this area was as open as possible giving people the feeling of fresh air and well being. To think of blocking this with two storey houses plus a three storey block of flats would be heartbreaking.

I notice on the planning proposal that the current green spaces would be removed.

Again I wish to object to this because these are very important habitats, the piece of land in front of the main store attracts a lot of wildlife, goldfinch, blue and great tits; plus foxes. The great stag beetle (an endangered species) returns year after year and I for one have registered sightings of it. On the proposal plans I can see no green areas, no community areas, no bin or bike storage, surely that is wrong?

On the subject of Highway, the proposed area is a pressure point for traffic with it being directly opposite Halifax

School. When there are delays on Wherstead Road, Belstead Road or Heaven forbid the Orwell Bridge is closed, Prince of Wales Drive then becomes a 'rat run' with vehicles, including HGV's trying to find a way through. The school itself generates so much traffic from staff, and neighbour's have ongoing confrontations with blocking driveways and inconsiderate and abusive parent's every day. The school were given permission, and are still using the former Co-op car park as an overspill for their staff and visitors. It removes some of the vehicles from Prince of Wales Drive yet there is still a problem. Bus drivers have been known to call the Police due to cars blocking either side of the road making it impassable. Only last week we had cars parked all along the side of the bungalows, a bus was trying to manoeuvre up the road when a very irate woman tried to overtake the stationary cars coming face to face with the bus driver. Obviously the poor bus driver had right of way, yet the car driver got out of her car and was very abusive to him. In the end she had to reverse back up the road but these are ongoing situations. Traffic collisions are not uncommon but thankfully up to now, nothing too serious.

Red cones are left on the road outside the school all day to stop cars parking across the entrance but fail to do much good even with the caretaker in attendance. School buses ferrying children about plus delivery lorries have to unload on the actual road because they can't access the school. The lay-by outside the school is forever blocked with staff cars. I will attach photo's giving you an idea of the problems.

Thank you for reading my comments, please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any of the points which I have raised.

Yours sincerely  
RoseMarie Cornish (Mrs)

Sent from my iPad

## **Felicia Blake**

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**Sent:** 23 February 2020 16:07  
**To:** Felicia Blake  
**Subject:** Fwd: IP 307 Photo's attached

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Felicia

These are the photo's which relate to my previous email. I hope they make sense.

The first one is of the green space outside the old Co-op

Photo 2 & 3 show a school bus which collects or drops the children off on the road, the red cones are on the road all day.

Photo 4 & 5 show how staff/visitors leave their cars on Prince of Wales Drive.

Kind regards

RoseMarie

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