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Planning Committee
Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
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Reference **23/02523/F**

OBJECTION

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to the above planning application on the following grounds

- South Green is a single -track road without a pavement, or street lights. The road is already in a bad state of repair, meaning the edge of the road is dangerous and there are several potholes. The thought of people with push chairs or riding a bicycle fills me with dread. Negotiating the traffic whilst dodging potholes or puddles is just not safe. If this application were to go ahead no matter what is suggested it will increase traffic along the road and across the access to my drive.
- The location is not ideal, partly because of the access, tucked away off the main road with little passing trade. Visitors will have to make a concentrated effort to get to the shop adding more degradation to an already existing failing road. People going to and from the new shop on foot or by bike will be few in numbers.
- We have been without a shop in the village for three plus years now, meaning people have made their alternative shopping arrangements, if this shop is to be used, after a brief period of time the novelty will dissipate and become unviable, leaving the village with the cost of the clearing up.
- Expectations that people will suddenly change their shopping habits back in support of the shop are very unlikely. Just as the expectation that people will walk or ride to the shop is unlikely too, especially in the winter months, just won't happen.
- A lot of emphasis is being placed on the coffee shop element of the new shop, however, another new coffee shop will open in a matter of weeks and will be less than a 300 yards walk away.

These are some of the reasons why I don't think the shop should be in located next to the Village Hall.

Yours sincerely



Ms K Staker