

Comment for planning application 23/02523/F

Application Number	23/02523/F
Location	Kirtlington Village Hall South Green Kirtlington OX5 3HJ
Proposal	Erection of single storey detached community shop and cafe
Case Officer	Clancy Sloan
Organisation Name	Kitty Cox
Address	Dairy Cottage, South Green, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HJ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am very supportive of the enthusiasm and good intention of the people who have got together this idea. Also I have enjoyed the occasional Farmers' Market on the site - and I hope thee could continue - perhaps using the village hall. However, in relation to the idea of a permanent shop in a new building:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I live on South Green where there is already a lot of traffic on the lanes and I would not like to see more - which I assume would be needed to generate the income needed to sustain a permanent shop.2. The lanes are narrow which has resulted in traffic causing damage to the greens and to private property - so more traffic would increase this risk.3. The lanes are very well used by pedestrians - including dog walkers, elderly people taking daily walks for health, young children and parents especially at school drop off and pick up - and the visibility is not good. Most people who know the area drive slowly but people who do not, often drive very fast (especially noticeable for example when we have football teams visiting/practising) and more traffic could increase the risk of an accident involving pedestrians. At a more daily level, the traffic would spoil the rural nature of these lanes for pedestrians.4. This may not be relevant but i find it hard to believe that the proposed business will be successful (sorry) - not due to lack of enthusiasm - but due to the competition from the Bletchington Co-op and the fact that the 'passing trade', which I understand furnished 50% of the old village shop income, would be less likely to detour to the proposed site. I have also understood that the Dashwood is now likely to include a deli. This could offer the daily food/milk to the village and be the social hub that the village shop was. It has the advantage of an existing car park and a site on the road to attract passing trade. It seems to me to be a good idea to put our energies into supporting this enterprise.5. I have recently become aware that the Village Hall does not have mains sewerage so an increase in use of the existing site may be risking the village community needing to invest in upgrading. <p>Thank you for taking my comments into account.</p>
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