

# Comment for planning application 19/02888/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="19/02888/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Kirtlington Post Office Stores 1 Troy Lane Kirtlington OX5 3HA"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<input type="text" value="Change of Use of Shop to Residential, alternations to front window and two new roof lights."/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Shona King"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Mrs Lydia Boodell"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="Kirtlington House,Crowcastle Lane,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3HP"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<p>It is sad for the current family who have had various and exceptional family challenges. However, I do feel with the right owners and investment this is still a completely viable village shop and without it many villagers will feel stranded. It is a central hub of the village and is very much the focal point of community information sharing. These are things you can not put a price on. For example someone will mention in the shop about ill neighbour, and the villagers will get organised and rally around so that others then pop in etc. Everyone helps each other in the village and the shop is a big part of the glue that helps make that happen. People may say the internet has replaced local shops but with an elderly population here may of the villages do not. also, in the past the village shop has done local deliveries itself. The village shop parking has been stated as an issue on the application. However, as the is in the centre of the village the majority of the customers just walk. The shop has been trading I think for for all of my life (over 50 years) I don't think saying parking is the issue the shop is failing. It is family circumstances and under investment. The co-op at Bletchingdon has been stated as an alternative shop however it has only 2 disabled parking spaces (no other parking) as it has been designed so that the Bletchingdon people walk. From Kirtlington it is 3 miles along a country road with no path. This is not an option for any Kirtlington people. you would have to have a car. Kirtlington has a high proportion of elderly people who cant drive. The small coffee shop would be greatly missed as it is a community gathering space for the elderly who otherwise would have no where to meet. The contribution that a this shop make helps build the character of the village in this conservation Area. The post office is also widely used and would be greatly missed and as banks and cash points are closing it is essential for the elderly to get money and do their banking business. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<b>Received Date</b>	<input type="text" value="21/01/2020 08:29:31"/>
<b>Attachments</b>	