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Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 2:57 PM

To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>

Subject: Comment on 19/02888/F

Dear Sir,

I wish regretfully to support the planning application 19/02888/F to turn Kirtlington shop and post office into a private residence. Attempts to sell the property as a shop have not been successful; the arrival of a Co-op at Bletchingdon has caused an already struggling business to be no longer financially viable, and the disablement of the shop's owner means the family now needs to move to somewhere without stairs. The building needs repairs, which they can't afford; the shop is losing money and will close, whatever the result of the application. It is a blow to the village and will be damaging to community life, but the possibility of setting up some sort of a community shop in other accomodation is being explored, and in all events there is no way the present shopkeeper can make a living on these premises, and no one else has been found who is willing to try.

Yours faithfully,

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