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Dear Julie

Re planning application P/25/1031 - Erection of restaurant with ancillary takeaway, new vehicular access, parking and associated works

I am writing in relation to the above application. In principle I support the development of this site, which I believe would bring benefit to the local community.

However, I have two concerns regarding this application. Firstly, the application is almost identical to a previous application submitted and approved by the same applicants. Despite having planning permission for three years, no development has taken place during this period. Secondly, the site has been unmanaged and in recent months there have been reports that the gates have been breached resulting in antisocial behaviour such as public urination and vandalism. These issues have been raised with me by constituents and I share their frustration.

I am concerned that without strong conditions, the re-submitted application may lead to a similar situation. I would urge therefore that the current application be heard by the full planning committee, and that any approval for the current application be made with a tighter timescale, for example one year, and with clear conditions that the site be kept secure and properly managed prior to and during construction on the site.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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