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Sent: 15 April 2019 15:45
To: Sian Bunbury
Cc: Philip Isbell
Subject: RE: Re. DC/19/00336 Rickinghall, The Street - Change of use of ground floor to A5 Hot Food Takeaway

Dear Sian

It was good to meet you when you came to look around our premises the other day.

You will have been copied into the correspondence with Kyle Porter from Suffolk County Council. He has directed me back to you in relation to any concerns we have in relation to the planning application so I did want to pick up on a couple of comments made in his email below.

I do recognise that the Suffolk Guidance for parking is not a rigid set of standards, but I do feel that his dismissal of our concerns may not be based on a full understanding of local conditions. He refers to "a copious amount of on-street parking" which is an over statement of the available parking within a reasonable distance from this development and he also refers to this as "built up urban area" whereas Rickinghall is a rural settlement and therefore cannot be considered to be a built up urban area.

There is a lack of available on street parking in the area to offset the fact that the development does not have any parking of its own. The maximum standard of 26 parking spaces can in no way be met locally, indeed even at the least busy times there never more than 4 or 5 spaces and usually none at all, especially at the peak evening times when local residents return home from work.

In addition the Guidance also states that for A5 use: "*In all cases adequate provision shall be made for the parking and turning of service vehicles serving the site, off the highway.*" This was not picked up in the response from Mr Porter and is clearly something that is not available for this development.

I hope the planning authority will take these comments into account in considering this application.

Best wishes

Antek Lejk