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To whomever it may concern

I recently noticed a sign saying that 12 North Street will be changing so that it could be transformed into a shop. If this is the case I am strongly against this simply because North Street is already full of food type of shops. Here is a few that I can list; The pub, Darbar Indian Restaurant, Nicolinos Italian Restaurant, Fish and Chips, Sandwich bar, Cafe Moka and even Tesco. Due to this amount of food shops, there is always parking problems around here and always traffic. I myself am new to the area, and always have problem finding a place to park or getting out traffic. For me this is the worst experience ever because i was born and raised in London and had to deal with this all the time. Now that i have moved, i feel some peace and tranquility inside. However, now that i see there is a plan to open another food shop, that could be lost as well. I've listed already the amount of food places we already have, from indian cuisine, to italian, to turkish and even english. Increasing the amount of shops does not benefit anyone simply because there are already businesses on the street providing the same food, which means opening another one would affect the income of all the businesses and no one would actually profit from this. Most importantly, the residents who live on the street or live a street off the main road, they will suffer from more people coming to that street which will mean more noise, traffic and difficulty to park their cars near their home. Personally, for me the less shops there are in this area, the more comfortable the lives of the residents as well as other business owners in the area. I am a strong believer that if there is less of something, it means it is more valuable, the Emsworth population can already find whatever they need or want, so theres no point in making changes to this aspect. If you do want to make changes to the area, it would be to provide parking spaces for the residents as well the employees who come there daily. Another change you can consider is rather than making it into a food shop, to turn it into something else such as a place where the very little amount of youth in the area can meet up, play and converse. [Redacted text], since i have moved to Emsworth, i haven't seen any other activities that i can do apart from dining at restaurants or going to the pub with mates for a drink. To think, sometimes there are things that cant be found here that is why people here have to go near by towns like havant or the city pourtsmouth, if 12 North Street became a bank or a place that didnt exist already in Emsworth then it would be worth it. Other than that, i dont see a reason to waste such good space for something that already exists.