



6 April 2023

Havant Borough Council
The Plaza
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hants

To whom it may concern

Re: APP/23/00102 – Changes to Operation of Northney Tea Rooms & Barn

In respect of the above Application, we strongly oppose this Application on the grounds that Northney is not suited to the increased flow of traffic and congestion this would create. The road through the village is already congested with residents cars parked on the road because they do not have adequate off-road parking space attached to their properties, or suitable garages to house multi-vehicles, be it cars, motorbikes or vans etc.

We have had multiple instances whereby Northney has experienced a deluge of vehicles through the village, e.g when the mains water pipe burst on the main road and all traffic was diverted through our village causing absolute mayhem and gridlock that went on until 10pm or later. There were huge lorries trundling down the very narrow village road! We also get the Motorcycle Club riding in their hundreds through here, causing noisy disruption to the quiet ambience of the village. Building contractors also drive their heavy lorries through here causing damage to the road surfaces, going too fast, and blocking the road.

In respect to the Northney Tea Rooms scenario, this will bring more cars, more bikes, and intolerable misery to the residents of the village, with rowdy parties, and noisy children, especially to those who live adjacent to the Tea Rooms and surrounding area. Only yesterday I was approached by a lady who asked to park her car in our drive temporarily because there were cars lined up along our Close and no room to park. (I also noted that every car had parked with two wheels on the grass verge and sinking in!, and that there was a function being held at Northney Tea Rooms). She said it was too dangerous for her to pull up outside the property she needed access to, to open the gate, as the road through Northney was far too busy and could cause an accident.

Being on a bend the entrance to Pycroft Close has become consistently more liable to accidents with through traffic travelling much too fast through the village. We have no speed control system, on a road that is a "rat-run" for drivers trying to avoid hold-ups on the main road of the island, or making its way to the Tea Rooms, so it is only going to get worse in the village without the added in-put of the Tea Rooms Application.

I would ask you to also take into account the loss of habitat and the effect of the above on the wildlife in the village. Rowdy parties and car pollution, slamming car doors and loud arguments are something we have already experienced from the Tea Rooms and this all adds up to late night (and daytime) aggravation for us all, and village congestion, when we should be allowed 'quiet enjoyment of our homes and gardens' by law.

Yesterday, I saw a newly awakened hedgehog squashed on the road between the barn and the pond on the bend! Very upsetting. It happens anyway you might say, but increased traffic flow will exacerbate the possibility, and the risk of our wildlife becoming extinct. What a sad state of affairs. We have pets and young children throughout the village, whether it be residents, visiting grandchildren or friends with dogs, and cats, all much loved and treasured. We do not want to see them meet the same demise as the hedgehog because of the changes that Northney Farm want to bring about.

We do not need (or want) an extended Tea Room, extended car park, OR amplified music in the village. There are more than enough issues to contend with here already that never seem to be addressed.

On a final note, the addition of loud music and all that that entails, will seriously affect the property market within the village. Prospective buyers will do their research and will also, no doubt, ask their prospective neighbours what the village is like. What chance is there of selling a property adjacent to or within earshot of the celebrations of Northney Farm Tea Rooms!?

We strongly oppose the Application to extend and make minor (or major)! changes to the operation of the Northney Farm Tea Room and Barn.

Yours Faithfully

