



27th April 2019

Att: Mrs T Pickup
Planning Services,
Havant Borough Council,
Public Services Plaza,
Civic Centre Road,
Havant,
PO9 2AX

Dear Mrs Pickup,

Ref: APP/19/00291 Unit 2 St Mary's Road, PO11 9BY

As a resident of St Mary's Road I would like to object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

There is no customer parking for this proposed bar and there is already a parking problem in St Mary's Road. If cars are parked by customers and left overnight then the parking problem will be exacerbated to a dangerous level. This road is used by children travelling from west Hayling to get to school in Church Road and by families with small children and pushchairs going to the nursery and infant school. Their use of this road will become hazardous because of the increase in traffic and parked cars. Cars will inevitably have to park further along St Mary's Road meaning the junction with South Road will in effect become a blind junction with no visibility for cars pulling out onto St Mary's Road.

St Mary's Road is a poorly lit Road, it is widely recognised that there is a definite link between poorly lit areas and crime and antisocial behaviour. With an increase in people using the road combined with alcohol it is not unreasonable to believe there will be an increase in antisocial behaviour and criminal damage.

There is no footpath on the north side of St Mary's Road, this means any obstruction to the footpath cause by deliveries or an overspill of customers will mean passers by will have no alternative footpath to use. There is a high number of wheelchair users, people using mobility scooters and families with pushchairs that would have no safe pathway to use.

As St Mary's Road is a predominately residential road with even the few light business users finishing by 6pm any noise will carry for quiet a large radius. Obviously residents adjacent to the proposed bar will be most greatly effected, but noise from people sitting and drinking outside, the opening and closing of doors and shutters, music (live or otherwise), cars, taxis collecting and dropping off, and people making their way to and from the proposed bar will all have a detrimental effect on anyone living nearby.

A proposed bar in a quiet residential road will have a negative impact on the character and appearance of St Mary's Road, the proposed bar will not be in keeping with the surroundings and will have an adverse impact on the lives of residents of St Mary's Road.

The local Plan (core strategy) is keen to promote a vibrant and viable town centre, there are currently at least 13 vacant and unused business premises within the main retail and tourist areas on the island many of which have been marketed for a significant period of time, surely one of these properties would better suited to becoming a new bar rather than taking away an established viable business that is quite happy where it is. The proposed bar is not within one of the areas earmarked for regeneration as detailed in the Pre- submission Havant borough local plan 2036 nor one of the tourist areas, it will not be drawing in tourists to the island nor increase employment significantly. There are two pubs, a hotel bar with public access and three restaurants in nearby West Town so the area is not without facilities for residents. I can see no reason why setting up a bar in a quiet residential road would be beneficial or needed.

I hope these points will be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

