

Re: Planning Application – 144 West Street with access from Western Road– Proposed change of use to hair salon

Dear Sir or Madam,

[REDACTED] for a hair salon at the back of property 144 West Street with access from Western Road.

I am writing to object to the this application on the grounds of insufficient parking and the resulting impact on highway safety and local amenities along with safety concerns for customers and residents due to the nature of the road where access is proposed

Western Road already has very limited parking with residents regularly struggling to find a space throughout the day. The proposed salon would bring additional demand from staff and from customers, who typically stay for appointments of an hour or more. This is very different from the short-stay turnover of passing trade.

We are concerned that this would lead to:

- Increased competition for on-street spaces, making it harder for residents, including those with young children, disabilities or mobility needs, to park near their homes.
- Blocking in residents of Western Road already parked.
- Prevent access to garages directly outside the proposed "established rear access area" which has had a shed with a fence/wall covering it for over 15 years.
- Cars parking on the junction, pavements and double yellow lines. This is already a big issue with many people complaining about the lack of space and getting blocked from their vehicles which is creating hazards for pedestrians and other road users.
- Obstruction of access for emergency vehicles, refuse collection and deliveries
- Increased traffic and congestion at peak times.

The proposed entry is circled in the map below which makes us question why not use the front of the property for access where there is more parking and does not involve a cul de sac for multiple additional vehicles? Even if customers are expected to be dropped off this still promotes increased traffic and danger to pedestrians with vehicles turning in an area already lacking in space after residents have parked.

Kind regards

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