

## Appendix C – Response from Surrey County Council

From the highway perspective, this site is not particularly suitable for street trading activities and we would object to the application for the following reasons:

- The proposed trading site is currently well used as a parking area. Parking is at a premium in the Broadway and demand often exceeds availability which can result in illegal parking taking place. Removing any of the existing available parking is only likely to increase occurrences of illegal/dangerous parking.
- Due to the high level of demand for parking, there are likely to be occasions where other vehicles are parked in the proposed site preventing access for the trader. There is no mechanism for reserving the site specifically for the use of the trader. (It should be noted that it would not be acceptable for the trailer to be left at the site permanently).
- In the absence of any parking restrictions on the eastern side of the service road, the existing informal parking often extends right up to the access to the pub car park. However, Surrey County Council could not condone such parking which already causes partial obstruction of visibility for vehicles exiting the car park and contravenes advice in the Highway code. Allowing a trailer to be parked at the proposed location would further restrict visibility for vehicles exiting the car park.
- The service road where the applicant is proposing to trade is relatively narrow. Having a trailer (which is wider than the average width car) parked at the side of the road will therefore potentially create difficulties for passing vehicles. See image below taken from Google Streetview to illustrate the concern.



- The previous application in January 2017 proposed the catering trailer would serve customers on the road side. As below, we therefore advised we did not consider this to be acceptable on highway safety grounds since it would create potential conflict between vehicles and queuing customers. I am assuming the latest application proposes to serve customers waiting on the footway. However, if this is not the case, then the concerns raised previously about serving customer waiting in the road still stand.

- In response to the previous applications we also cited concerns about possible obstruction of the footway by customers of the trader. However, the recycling bins that were previously present at the location (and reduced the available footway width) have now been removed. As such, there is increased space available and there is less risk of significant problems with the footway being obstructed (although there could still be issues depending on the popularity of the trader).

I hope the above response is helpful. If you wish to discuss any of my comments further then please do let me know.

Regards,

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