

Appendix F – Response from Runnymede Borough Council Ward Members

Ward Member 1:

I would be quite worried about the implications of this application. Are they proposing to conduct their trade on the pavement or on the service road itself? Either seems likely to cause problems, either obstructing the footway or preventing parking/access for some of the vehicles visiting the local shops. I know that the pavement on the eastern side is a heavily used route for people visiting the Co-op and other shops, including those in wheelchairs / mobility scooters, or with children in buggies, etc

There is also a likelihood of issues for local residents, primarily cooking smells permeating into local homes, particularly the flats alongside that section of the service road (Ilex House) and those above the shops.

Also I'd be concerned about additional litter in the area. It's already a problem, as I know from litter picking the area with both the Co-op staff and the local volunteer group many times, it's always one of the "hot spots". Greasy food wrappings and food debris will inevitably be dropped, which are unpleasant in themselves and may attract vermin such as pigeons and rats.

Ward Member 2:

I would state the previous refusal to the application in January 2017 still applies:

The noise and nuisance which it is anticipated would result from hot food trading at this particular location, which would be detrimental to the peace and quiet enjoyment of residents in the vicinity.

I personally am not happy and in addition to the points above:

- We already have an established kebab shop. Any overlap in trade is detrimental to existing trade. The applicant may state they are applying as one sort of food, but I can see this being altered.
- Litter
- Noise
- Restricts width of pavement access for residents
- Highways, we already have issues with parking, this would complicate matters further.