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Hi Jenny,

I'm writing to to you as as my local councillor, I live in the town centre but I'm extremely concerned about the preposed development of the Woodlands becoming as fastfood outlet.

The current McDonalds in the town centre attracts so many school children & in the evening it's full of antisocial behaviour.

Those sort of establishments are normally in retail parks or motorway services not next to parks in residential areas, I'm really concerned about the impact it will have on Woodlands park and the surrounding area. I have relatives living in the Almshouses and they are so worried about pollution and antisocial behaviour.

I know the government put in framework to stop Fastfood outlets opening near schools and this is so very close to St George's school and I've been told the headmaster is outraged by this proposal.

After doing some research & looking at the application it appears that this development is happening under the previous beefeaters use class, class e, the plans clearly show a completely different operation entirely, with a real focus on their delivery operation, the building is changing completely with most of the floor space being back of house & delivery infrastructure. I'm sure this is an intensification of use.

(In 2026, digital sales—which include delivery, mobile app orders, and kiosk transactions—account for over 50% of total revenue for McDonald's in the UK. Combined with traditional walk-in takeaways, the vast majority of an average UK McDonalds restaurant's business is now "off-premise.) this isn't a class e restaurant where the majority of food & drink is consumed on site.

The whole of the second floor is duct work and ventilation. I can't imagine what this historic local landmark will look like as they plan to change the look of it completely, blocking up doors & windows, moving the entrance & removing all the buildings character, completely bringing Woodlands park down and filling it with litter & encouraging the school children to eat ultra processed food it will look totally out of place and be an eyesore as you enter our town and I imagine that the air quality is already poor on that stretch of the road this type of development with cars & delivery vehicles constantly coming & going will only add to that.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns, please could you share those concerns with the council as I think this would be truly damaging for our town & much loved green space and impact the health of our community.

Best wishes,

