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am writing as a local resident of 30 years to formally object to the proposed alterations at the former Beefeater site. While I do not live directly opposite, I use the local roads and Woodlands Park daily, and I am deeply concerned about the negative impact this development will have on our community.

Severe Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Concerns

The proposal to reduce parking to just 9 spaces is completely unrealistic for a high-turnover McDonald's. As someone who drives and walks in this area regularly, I know how congested the roads already get, especially during the school run, its gridlock. With so few spaces, delivery drivers and customers will inevitably park on residential pavements and street corners.

This creates a major safety risk for the hundreds of children from St George's CE School who walk this route daily. 0.3 miles is well within the "high risk" zone for school-run traffic accidents

The Impact on Woodlands Park (Litter and Health)

Woodlands Park is a vital green space for elderly residents and families. This development will lead to: Significant Litter: Fast-food packaging is a primary source of litter in our parks. The council already struggles with maintenance; this will only worsen the burden and attract vermin.

I'm concerned about Air Quality: The heavy extraction equipment and constant idling of delivery mopeds will degrade the air quality of the park—an area meant for health and exercise.

The Noise from Industrial Extraction Equipment and the enjoyment of the surrounding area, the "hum" and vibrations from large-scale industrial extraction fans can carry, especially at night. A McDonald's kitchen operates at a much higher intensity than the previous Beefeater. This industrial-grade equipment is entirely out of character for a residential boundary.

Inappropriate Location for a "Delivery Hub"

The inclusion of a dedicated delivery doors suggests this is no longer a traditional restaurant (Class E) but a high-volume takeaway hub. Our local residential streets are not designed to handle the constant flow of commercial delivery bikes that this model requires.

As a long-standing member of this community, I believe this proposal prioritises corporate profit over the safety of our schoolchildren and the peace of our residential area. I urge the Council to refuse this application.