

# DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Cheshire West and Chester  
Development Management  
Cheshire West and Chester Council  
4 Civic Way  
Ellesmere Port  
CH65 0BE

Dear Sirs

**Re: Planning Application No: 16/01622/FUL - 500-502 London Road Davenham.**

We wish to object to the above change of use to a wine bar for the following reasons:

## **1 PARKING and HIGHWAYS**

There is no off road parking in the village centre which is congested most of the day into the evening. The location of this proposal is at a particularly difficult section of London Road due to parking and a particularly hazardous bend with poor lateral visibility. The whole site frontage is marked out as reserved bus parking zone for the bus stop.

There is no provision for parking within the site apart from two spaces dedicated to the proposed B&B accommodation. These spaces would require vehicles to reverse in or out on to this congested carriageway at a location defined and reserved as a bus stop. This would represent a significant addition hazard.

There is no provision either for staff parking or delivery vehicles.

The previous use of the building as a hairdressers was primarily used by local residents and therefore had little impact on traffic congestion. This is unlikely to be the case with a 'wine bar'.

We already have frequent blockages in the village centre due to large vehicles having to negotiate narrow road junctions and delivery vehicles accessing shop premises.

In addition, recent planning approvals for housing [nearly 200 units] in Davenham and Moulton will certainly add to traffic flows through the village and thus congestion.

Recently the bus shelter has been demolished twice by lorries. Very fortunately, no one was injured. It is still awaiting a second replacement by CW&C.

## **2 PLANNING HISTORY**

Two similar planning applications in the village have previously been refused, largely on highway grounds.

2.1 A hot food takeaway which did have a limited parking area at the side, on the [private] Laburnum Road.

2.2 A similar proposal adjacent to the Newsagents and Post Office. With no parking space.

## **3 VILLAGE NEED**

The village centre already has 2 Pubs. One also a restaurant with a large rear car park the other with a small car park. There is also a separate restaurant, with limited parking, and a traditional Fish and Chip shop.

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There would seem to be no need for a wine bar adding to the noise and congestion in the village centre.

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons we strongly object to this planning application and consider that it should be refused. The Parish Council also requests an opportunity to meet with your planning officer before any recommendations are prepared.

Yours faithfully

Vicky Stock  
On behalf of Davenham Parish Council