

Cllr. Clare Moonan
BH2019/03387 – 126 Church Road

7th January 2020:

I am writing to object to the above planning application and ask for it to be determined by the Planning Committee.

My objection are outlined below

1. The change of use and loss of retail space.

Church Road has seen a significant shift over a number of years, from retail to restaurant/bar use class. This has resulted in a change of character and loss of amenity to the area. Most premises on Church Road are now cafés, bars or restaurants. This proliferation has led to a much larger night time economy and associated noise and ASB, and also pressure on local parking and traffic. Whilst a certain amount of bars and restaurants have been good for the area, I believe that we are well past the point where these businesses will enhancing the local amenity.

A mixed economy of retail and café/restaurants is the most desirable for the area and if this application were granted it would be a further and significant shift in the wrong direction. I therefore believe we need to preserve the existing retail where ever possible.

2. Extractor fan at the rear of the property

There is a long history with this owner and extractor fan that have not been fit for purpose. This has caused very considerable distress to local residents over a protracted period. If this application is passed I request that the Planning Committee include very robust conditions that prescribes an extractor fan that does not either, create a noise nuisance, or be unsightly or block the light to neighbours. I would also recommend that Planning Enforcement closely monitor that such a condition is met.

3. Lighting

I believe that the lighting proposed is over the top and unnecessary. It will create light pollution that will affect local residents and be out of character in the area.

Finally, I have spoken to a number of residents who also object to this application for similar reasons.

