

**Cllr. Clare Moonan**  
**BH2019/03387 – 126 Church Road**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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.

