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For the following reasons I'm writing to object to the above application for change of use of land for the siting of a mobile hot food takeaway unit with associated landrover with generator:

I question how an individual can apply for a change of use of COUNCIL owned land.

Putting a food van and landrover on Holgates Green will destroy the character of this residential area which is surrounded by listed buildings and includes the Catholic Church.

The vehicles will be directly in front of residents' properties for up to eight and a half hours a day, six days a week. Cooking hot food will inevitably cause odours, more problems with gulls and potentially noise. Although the applicant has taken steps to reduce the noise of the generator it is quite noticeable when sitting nearby on the Green, especially when the oven is in use.

There is no vehicle access to the trading site. The applicant will, daily, tow the van through an allocated bus parking space, over a public pavement and across the grassed recreation area: and if people have inadvertently moved the benches onto the trading site and are seated there when the van arrives, I was told by the Council that the applicant will get them to move.

The food van and landrover will take up over a quarter of the Green, thus restricting space for the many local events, such as gig weekends, Otillo and fun days.

The Council's Street Trading Policy clearly states that 'all vehicles must be completely self contained. Use of an external free standing generator is not permissible and energy providing utilities must be kept within the vehicle'.

This van is at present trading on the Green with an accompanying landrover containing the generator, without planning permission but with the Council's approval. I am trusting the Council to ensure that this does not mean that the outcome of the Planning application is a foregone conclusion.

If this is passed, I fear that it will open the floodgates for others to do the same.

Many visiting school parties use this end of the Green as a meeting place and spread out on the grass. I was told by the Council's Director of Place that this grass will (at the Council's expense) be covered with a plastic mat or concrete grid should it be churned up by the two vehicles coming and going onto the Green.

No consideration has been given to the existing takeaway, self catering and guest house businesses and homes adjacent to the Green and the few who have written in support of the application are missing the point. It's not Lily's van the majority are objecting to ... it's the fact that the owner is applying to trade on Holgates Green.

I was dismayed to see that the Council have amended the Street Trading Policy to allow hot food takeaway vans on the West end of Holgates Green and along the pavements of Upper Strand (possibly with accompanying vehicles containing generators). I think this is a big mistake and will damage the fabric of the island.

I quote from the Council's policies:

The Council aims to create an environment which is sensitive to the needs of residents.

The Council aims to enhance the character, ambience and safety of the local environment No noise or odour is permissible where it interferes with a resident's use and enjoyment of their premises or is detrimental to the amenity of the area.

Approval of this planning application would go against these policies.

The solution is to find an alternative, suitable, site for this applicant and others in the future.

Holgates Green should be protected, not ruined.

Yours faithfully

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