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Dear Planning Department:

I am against this application. I believe the proposed location is unsuitable for the siting of a food catering business and will detract from the atmosphere and beauty of the area.

I find the argument that there is an "urgent need for more food outlets on St Mary's" somewhat specious. The applicant is not providing a solution to the problem of a lack of table bookings, but is proposing a food takeaway business. There are already four food takeaway businesses, two of them mobile food vans, within a few minutes' walk of the proposed location.

The applicants' supporting statement claims that visitors "cannot get food, especially in the evenings". Are the existing food takeaway businesses unable to support these visitors? Are they turning people away because they've run out of food to sell?

The arguments that the islands are suffering "significant reputational" and "potentially irreparable" damage seem to me to smack of hyperbole, without any supporting evidence provided to validate these claims.

On a general note, how can a public space have its use changed to allow the operating of a private for-profit business? Under what acts or statutes is Holgate's Green identified as a public space, and how does that legislation address such a use or change of use?

Finally, I am confused and concerned that this business is already operating in the proposed location; prior to approval of the application. Does this mean that the business is operating illegally? Should it be forced to close and the operators fined or otherwise charged?

Once again, I am opposed to this application and I urge that it be rejected.

Thanks & Regards,

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