

Good afternoon,

I would like to formally raise an objection to the proposed planning application of a burger van to be sited behind the shops on the High Street in Fleur De Lis, High Street in Blackwood for the following reasons :

#### INCREASE IN TRAFFIC

The road currently can become very congested and there is only parking for the current business that are established and reside in the area

#### INCREASE IN POLLUTION AND CARBON FOOTPRINT

With the introduction of the burger van I fear that this could attract more traffic to the area, which is already a busy street. This increased traffic to the area will increase air and noise pollution which will impact on the physical and mental health of those that live and work within the area.

#### EFFECT ON ESTABLISHED BUSINESS

Currently on the high street there are a number of well-established food outlets that work together each providing different food options to those visiting the area. Each small locally run independent shop such as the cafe, chip shop, butchers ect services the local community and ensures that they support each other in the services and food options that they offer, this working together has created a lovely atmosphere within the area, a real sense of community resulting in the high street remaining an attractive place to visit. The introduction of a burger van will affect this fine balance of healthy competition and support created from the current business within the area. The effecting of this balance will result in the high street becoming a less favourable place to visit.

Furthermore, each established local business employs local staff, the introduction of the burger van will result in trade being lost from the current business which will result in each business having to down scale its staff team, contributing to unemployment within the area. This loss of business could even see the well-established shops having to close which would result in the death of the High Street.

Due to the above reasons, I would like to have my strong objection to the planning of this burger van recorded

Kindest Regards

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