

**WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022**

Appendix G to committee report

This appendix is submitted as an addition to the licensing committee report, in response to comments made in relation to the application of Vaporetto Pizza Ltd for a street trading consent in Portsmouth Road, Milford. This amendment will be referred to as Appendix G.

The additional comments contained in this Appendix have been received following the completion of the consultation period for this consent but are relevant to the application.

**Additional Comment 1- Received 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Respondent: Surrey Highways**

**Response Type: Objection**

**Received via: email**

Hi Elizabeth,

I don't know if my views can be added this late? I would object to trading at this location. It is an A road and not suitable for street trading.

There are plenty of locations where this trader can go and he always seems to pick the most inappropriate ones. There is WBC car park he could use without any problems on the network for example.

Regards

**Additional Comment 2- Received 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**Respondent: Neighbouring business**  
**Response Type: Objection**  
**Received via: email**

Hi Elizabeth

Thank you for your email.

Unfortunately we cannot allow the van to operate directly in front of the shop. That will be bad for business as I'm sure you can understand.

The hours mentioned do collide with some of our operating hours.

Anywhere else around the road, we don't have a problem with but not anywhere which will block the view from the shop.

Thank you

Kind regards

Milford Halal Butchers and Grocers

**Additional Comment 3- Received 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Respondent: Local resident**

**Response Type: Objection**

**Received via: email**

Dear Ms Bance

Please see below copy of our email to Ms Maxine Gale.

We strongly oppose the street trading consent being approved for the Pizza van.

Best wishes



----- Forwarded message -----

From:

Date: Fri, Jul 29, 2022 at 21:37

Subject: Pizza Van outside Tesco Express Milford

To: <[Maxine.Gale@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:Maxine.Gale@waverley.gov.uk)>

Dear Ms Gale

We live at [REDACTED] and we understand that you will be attending the meeting street trading consent and are prepared to bring objections to the meeting.

My husband and I strongly object to the granting of such consent on the grounds that:

- it is a high footfall area where pedestrians are already at risk from parked vans outside Tescos.

- There is no on-road parking on that stretch of road - there will be no-where for customers to park - with the risk that customers will park illegally or in front of residential properties - or in the parking allocated and paid for by residents at Milford House and Butler's Place

- a pizza van will bring additional rubbish to the area - there is already a rubbish build up on the street outside Tesco's and the presence of a food truck will only increase this. We have already had to have vermin exterminators out to [REDACTED] due to food waste from Tesco's and the Refectory - we do not wish to have a higher risk of vermin.

- high levels of noise and smells from the van being in that location is unacceptable and inappropriate.

Taking all of the above into consideration, this street trading consent could have an adverse impact on property values to the detriment of property owners (rate payers).

We would be grateful if you would bring our views to the meeting.

Please contact us if you would like further information/opinion.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**Additional Comment 4- Received 1st August 2022**

**Respondent: Local resident**

**Response Type: Objection**

**Received via: email**

Dear Elizabeth Bance and Maxine Gale

I live in [REDACTED] and I am amazed that there would even be a suggestion that a Pizza Van, or any seller, be allowed a licence to park opposite Tesco Express on Milford Road, since this is already an area of congestion, with cars parked on the Tesco side and a bus stop opposite, let alone the constant traffic that goes in/out of the Tesco car park.

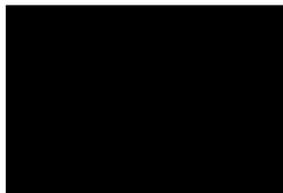
I have no objection the Vaporetto pizza van per se, their pizzas are delicious but to allow such a van to park opposite Tesco is surely unsafe and would cause more road chaos. Even if customers order in advance, they still need to park their car to collect the pizzas and thereby cause more congestion on an already busy road.

I should like to suggest that any councillor who is considering this application actually goes and stands opposite Tesco Express for some time, to see the volume of traffic and how busy the road is before making any decision because unless one lives locally it is not obvious that this will be a busy area.

Surely, it would be more sensible for WBC to consider a side road, or a layby, for granting a licence to the Vaporetto pizza van.

I urge you to raise this at the next opportunity and to persuade others that granting a licence at the Tesco location really is not a safe and viable option

With kind regards



**Additional Comment 5- Received 1st August 2022**

**Respondent: Local resident**

**Response Type: Objection**

**Received via: email**

Dear Elizabeth,

We are in favour of this pizza company having a safe space for trading and parking in Milford however we are writing to express our concern at the proposal for the van to park on the road outside Tesco Express.

This is already a bottle neck at times because of the entrance to the Tesco car park, the bus stop and Tesco related parking on the road, which can make it dangerous for drivers exiting the Tesco car park with no clear sight of the traffic.

We suggest that Chapel Lane would be safer as the cul-de-sac has no through traffic.

Kind regards,

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**Additional Comment 6- Received 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

**Respondent: Local Business Owner**

**Response Type: Objection**

**Received via: email**

Dear Sirs

We are the owners of the Milford Halal Butchers Shop and the Cottage behind it.

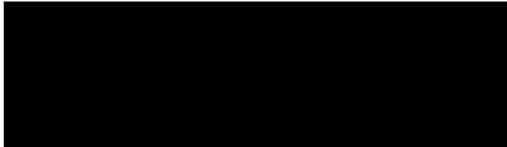
We wish to formally object to the application by Vaporetto Pizza as below for the following reasons:

1. It would adversely affect the business of the shop and the capital value of the properties surrounding the area.
2. The pizza vehicle would lie between two valuable Listed Buildings and would adversely impact their amenities by virtue of noise, smell and rubbish generated.
3. The pizza vehicle would be a danger to the public as this is an intensely busy road and no average road user would reasonably anticipate the bizarre location of a takeaway unit on this stretch of road without appropriate warning, with users wandering across the road. There is no pedestrian crossing at all on this frenetic road and this would clearly represent an unacceptable level of danger to pedestrians and motorists. Such units are normally placed in laybys away from main roads with appropriate areas for the users to park and stop.
4. The consistent approach of the planners has been to refuse all takeaway use in this location by reason of noise, smell, and rubbish generation. The property is located in a Conservation Area and planning must be rigorous in maintaining the village landscape amidst listed buildings. A pizza van is incompatible with such planning objectives at this location point.
5. The location of a unit outside the shop would remove vital parking to the residents of the Cottage and their visitors as well as the shop and cause a severe loss of amenity to these properties.
6. There is no apparent need for a pizza takeaway and the business is likely to fail in such an inappropriate location. The Just Eat and Deliveroo services are potentially now available to local users and there is a Dominos in Godalming High Street about

2 miles away. There is a fish and chips takeaway in the village and the village is well served with pubs and cafes in the immediate vicinity.

7. In summary this is an opportunistic and inappropriate application, for private profit, without regard to the local community wider concerns and interests, and must be refused accordingly.

Yours faithfully



**Additional Comment 7- Received 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**

**Respondent: Local Resident**

**Response Type: Objection**

**Received via: email**

Dear Councillors

We are residents of [REDACTED] and are writing in extreme concern at the prospect of Vaporetto being granted a street trading licence to position their van outside Tesco in the Portsmouth Road.

We have no objection in principle to street traders and, in the right place, they are a welcome addition to local amenities and the 'street scene'.

However, we cannot conceive of a more inappropriate site than where is proposed in this application. The road is always busy with traffic in both directions and in spite of speed limits many cars speed away from the roundabout at the junction of Portsmouth Road and Church Road. Tesco is extremely busy at all hours of the day and evening with cars both turning into and coming out of their car park, to say nothing of their pedestrian customers. The road is also a bus route with a stop opposite the proposed site.

A suspicious mind might think that Tesco, who recently changed the direction of traffic flow using their car park did so with such an application in mind!

We have been customers of Vaporetto and enjoyed their pizzas, and would like to hope that an alternative site could be found for them where they will not have such an adverse effect on safety of all those using this section of the Portsmouth Road for whatever reason to say nothing of the disruption such a vehicle parked for long hours outside or opposite their homes would have on local residents. The traffic churn would be intolerable for them.

We would strongly urge you to refuse this application and we like to think you would be able to help them find a more appropriate site - in a lay-by or similar. I'm sure there are all kinds of reasons why not but we have noted the Village car park is never very busy - we're sure the ratepayers would appreciate the income from such a licence however small it may be!

With kind regards

[REDACTED]