

ORTON WATERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST 2010 AT 3.00 pm

Present were Mr P Froggitt (In the Chair), Mrs J Farnham, Mr C Long, Mr R Hammerton, Mrs D Sandles and Cllr Mrs J Stokes.

There were 62 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mrs G Thornley, Mr M Chambers, Mr M Rowett and Cllr Mrs S Allen.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – There were none.
3. **Planning Application**

10/00664/FUL – Change of use to Takeaway of part of the premises at 48 Church Drive.

The first part of the meeting was allotted for the members of public to make their representations to the Parish Council Planning Committee. All of them, except the applicant, objected to the proposal. The main reasons were that the additional late opening takeaway would contribute to late night noise in a residential area; it would encourage the gathering of unruly youth exacerbating the vandalism which already occurs; it would encourage the increase of litter and graffiti; it is an unnecessary provision because there are other takeaways of a similar nature within delivering distance; the refuse from the takeaway will encourage vermin; the extra business will create a traffic and parking problem; the effect on the adjacent Conservation Area is detrimental; the smell from the extractor fans will be detrimental to the neighbouring residents quality of life.

After the open forum the Parish Council considered the proposal. It was unanimously agreed to object to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. The character of the area. The Parish Council wishes to ensure that the number of takeaways does not affect the attractiveness of the area and that nearby homes are not significantly affected.
2. Conservation Area. Already the adjacent church wall (which falls within the Conservation Area) has been damaged by youth congregating on it. An adjacent takeaway will encourage the detrimental use of this wall.
3. The impact of increased cooking smells on the nearby residential properties.
4. The inadequacy of storage of waste products.
5. Noise disturbance to protect the living conditions of nearby residents from increased evening and late night activity.
6. Restricting Opening Hours. The opening hours were omitted from the planning application.
7. Traffic and Parking. The increase of business will also increase the traffic through the Conservation Area. Parking is already insufficient without an increase in trade.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

Planning Committee