

Chafford Hundred Street Trader Comments Received:

1	<p>Good Morning,          Hope you have had a good Christmas and New years! I'm emailing my support for the business that is setting up adjacent All Saints Church.          I feel this will be a handy edition to the businesses there, offering another service to a large community with limited outlets at alternative times.          Also helping with extra employment opportunities for our community.          I look forward to seeing it soon.          Many thanks</p>
2	<p>As a resident of Cumberland Road Chafford hundred, with a young family who are now confined to our home...my sanity is to leave my home office for a daily walk.</p> <p>To be able to grab a coffee and a healthy snack, would immensely improve my mental health as I'm sure it would encourage others to do whom find themselves in my position, what a brilliant addition to the local area.</p> <p>Please approve this application.</p> <p>Regards</p>
3	<p>To whom it may concern          In relation to the street trading application for trading by Highway Land Adj All Saints Church Chafford hundred I would like to say that this is a fabulous idea and much needed in Chafford hundred. Locally we are very limited for such choices and especially now with lockdown and getting the family out and about for walks along this route it will be a welcome incentive to get the kids active.</p>
4	<p>As a local business owner myself who has had years of feed back from my own clientele about a massive lack of amenities and choice on the Chafford hundred estate...Chafford hundred is very multicultural in terms of its community many of whom don't feel comfortable entering a church generally full of children for an adult coffee, so I think it's a great idea, there's a huge community on Chafford hundred and plenty of residents to serve both the cafe and takeaway coffee bar, completely different clientele Regards</p>

1	<p>To Whom may concern</p> <p>I would like to add some comments to the application: street trading on Drake Road, adj. All Saints' Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed site is near a rather sharp bend on Drake Road and very close to the exit from the car park of the church. Any vehicles parked on the pavement restrict the view of the road and it can be dangerous.</li> <li>• When considering 'suitability of the trading unit' I cannot see how it 'adds quality to the street scene'.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the immediate area of the proposed sight we have a similar small business(Angel café) that provides takeaways and this might have a negative impact on their business.</li> <li>• Drake Road is the main road through Chafford and I am surprised to see that it is not viewed as one of the prohibited(for trading) streets in Thurrock.</li> <li>• There is no pedestrian crossing to slow down traffic for safe crossing from the Armada car park.</li> </ul> <p>Kind regards,</p>
2	<p>Further to a notice for 'Authorised Street Trading' at the Highway Land adjacent to All Saints Church. I would like send my objections for this trader (coffee van parking there).</p> <p>Firstly, they are in direct completion with the Angel Café – <b>the only community hub on Chafford</b> where people can meet for a coffee and a snack. The Angel Café is already struggling with the current Covid restrictions and this will surely take away business from them and then the café will close and there will be no community hub on Chafford which will be really disappointing.</p> <p>Secondly, it's difficult enough when exiting the car park to see traffic coming and I feel that it will be really dangerous and will cause a serious accident.</p> <p>Regards</p>
3	<p>I would like to say how disappointed I am that you are considering giving consent to a street trader on land adjacent to the Angel Cafe. This cafe is so important to the locals of Chafford Hundred, it is used by young Mums and their children, elderly friends who all meet up here as there is nothing else like it. I do hope you will look closely at your decision.</p>
4	<p>I am emailing in response to a 'street trader application' for a 8am-6pm 7 days a week coffee and snack van to be parked almost directly outside the Angel Café (the Beacon Centre) by the bench/rubbish bin. The Angel café is a great community hub, we don't have many places like this on Chafford, and this coffee van will really affect the trade that goes in to the Café. The Angel Café is already struggling with all the restrictions in place and if this trader is granted a licence the café could close for good, which is totally unfair. I'm all for a bit of healthy competition but putting the van right outside the café is just not on. Frankly, it's not needed there and I'm baffled as to why anyone would want to trade there when it's clearly in direct competition to the Angel Cafe. Being mobile I'm sure there are plenty of alternative pitches to apply for without trying to take the business from the owners of the much loved Café!</p> <p>Also, with the van parked by the bench (if that's the exact location), it will be very difficult when pulling out of the car park as the van will block the view of the traffic coming around the corner and potentially dangerous.</p> <p>I'm very surprised and disappointed that the council is even considering this application especially during these difficult times when an existing business is trying to stay afloat.</p> <p>I strongly object to this proposal and urge you to please reject the application.</p>

	Regards.
5	Please do not licence a van to sell drinks outside the Chafford church Angel cafe is the hub of Chafford and this will put them out of business
6	<p>Good Morning</p> <p>I'm writing to oppose the plan for a coffee/snack van to be parked in the car park outside the Beacon Centre on Drake Road Chafford Hundred Essex RM16  We currently have The Angel Cafe operating from there and this is a great place for our community to meet with friends etc for good food and a chat  This place has struggled in the pandemic so to even think of letting a coffee van set up right outside is in my view a disgrace  As you will be taking away a vital part of the community</p> <p>I am asking you to please DO NOT consider this coffee van we love our cafe</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
7	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am concerned about an application a license to trade on the pavement adjacent All Saints Church.  There is no parking for another coffee outlet. There is a cafe inside the church. And the parking belongs to the church.  Where this is proposed, it causes a hazard. Because it is on an SBend, it will cause a visual hazard for traffic pulling in and out of the carpark. Also, for pedestrians.  Even Highways objected for this reason.  It is also the main road through Chafford.  And by your own guide lines (eg. Lodge lane) you should not allow street trading.  There is the issue of extra rubbish.  Where is his rubbish disposal. He says he will dispose of it, but it is takeaway only.  Also, toilets. There are no public facilities in the area.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
8	<p>I understand that there is a 'street trader application' for a coffee and snack van to be parked outside the Angel Cafe, Chafford Hundred, beside the bench/rubbish bin. If I had been asked to suggest the most inappropriate location for a coffee and snack van to be sited I can honestly say that outside The Angel Cafe would head the list. I can't even begin to comprehend why you would even consider granting a licence for a coffee and snack van when The Angel and Tesco * opposite are already providing this. This would definitely be overkill in such a small area and not really beneficial to either party.</p> <p>The Angel is the very hub of the Chafford community and is the only sit-down café we have in this area. It provides such a very worthwhile service for people to meet and chat or hold meetings etc., which is vital in these harrowing times we find ourselves in. It is an actual life line for many vulnerable and lonely people in our community.</p>

	<p>Litter: Already there is a major problem with litter in Chafford. A coffee and snack van, despite all efforts, has a proven history of increasing the amount of litter in their vicinity. Cuts dictate that the litter will not be collected.</p> <p>Hours: the application is for a 10-hour opening. This is an open invitation for noise, mass gatherings and all that go with them.</p> <p>Traffic and Parking Nuisance: the increase in traffic simply cannot be visualised, with the area quickly becoming a magnet for commercial drivers - particularly with free parking! Car parking will be for eaters, not for residents. The car parking is vital for visitors to the existing Café, shops, Pharmacy, hairdressers, Vets etc. It will be a magnet for cars to stop and create traffic jam at the busiest of times when people are dropping kids off at the nursery school beside the cafe. Another major concern of mine is that with the van parked by the bench, it will be very difficult to see oncoming traffic when pulling out of the car park as the van will block the view of the traffic coming around the corner and will potentially be very dangerous.</p> <p>Public Order: Chafford already has a bad reputation for drug-dealing, nitrogen oxygen sniffing, car chasing etc. I feel having a van parked there will also encourage 'kids' to 'hang' around it causing trouble which will result in fights, even more rubbish and will only increase the numbers of such incidents.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic, I understand The Angel Cafe like most hospitality venues are already struggling and if this trader is granted a licence the Cafe could close for good, which would be really sad and a huge loss to our community. I fully support a bit of healthy competition but putting the van right outside the café is just not fair when there are plenty of other places in Chafford he could put it!</p> <p>I would also like to point out that the Angel Café is the only place that allows you to take your dogs inside. I feel that being able to do this provides such a valuable contribution to the community as a whole. For so many people living alone with a dog being able to take them there to meet people for a coffee and a chat is vital to their mental health. Many people, particularly the elderly do not like to leave their dogs alone at all. As The Angel is situated right beside the Gorge where people walk their dogs it also provides the perfect service for them to come to and enjoy a nice drink &amp; snack after a long walk.</p> <p>I firmly believe that the granting of such a licence would be so damaging to their business that they would have to shut down. Please don't allow this to happen. It would be as harmful to the Chafford community as The Angel Café as it is a refuge for so many people. In conclusion I therefore object in the strongest possible terms to this application for a coffee and snack van outlet of any type to be licensed.</p>
11	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I think it's unacceptable that a coffee van is going to be placed by the Chafford Hundred Church where the Angel Cafe is.</p> <p>Lots of local and not so local residents use this cafe.</p>

	<p>They are struggling at the moment because of Covid restrictions.</p> <p>They are very friendly, offer lovely cream tea, cakes, baguettes and toasties. Plus drinks.</p> <p>I am absolutely dumbfounded that you would grant a license right outside the cafe-madness!</p> <p>Surely the station would be a better situation.</p>
12	<p>Hi</p> <p>I am emailing to apose a coffee stall at the above area. We have a community cafe in the church which is a lovely place where lots of my friends and I meet up. If this gentleman wishes to have a stall would it not be better outside the station. The angel cafe is a lovely community area where people can meet up.</p> <p>Also where it is proposed would cause a restriction on driving out of the car parks.</p>
13	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the issue of a licence to the coffee/snack van which is to be situated near to the Angel Cafe. I am not against the van but against where it will be situated. It will take a lot of trade away from the cafe which provides an important social meeting place for the community. I feel it would be more beneficial to have the van positioned near the station where it would benefit from the passing trade.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>
14	<p>I notice that an application has been made for a street trader to be situated in front of The Angel Cafe, at the Beacon Centre, Chafford 100. Unfortunately I don't think that this location is suitable as there is already a good value for money, cafe that offers a great service, especially during this pandemic. The proprietor has adhered to strict COVID-19 guidelines, with 'track and trace,' in place, allotted seating areas, multiple hand sanitizers, one entry system etc., along with a good quality service serving excellent food. I think this business would be greatly affected. Surely the trader would benefit from having his van nearer to the train station and Lakeside Shopping Centre, where the footfall, would be much higher. It's a shame that a good business, providing an excellent service, situated as part of the community hub, may suffer, due to a bad decision. Also drivers may have difficulty in driving in the car park, as vision is greatly affected.</p> <p>Please take my concerns into consideration, when reviewing this application.</p> <p>Regards</p>
15	<p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</p> <p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>We are writing to strongly object to the above application, which I understand to be a coffee/snack van. My reasons are as follows :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is already a cafe in All Saints Church who also offer a take away option. The cafe is a great community hub and If this were to go ahead it would seriously affect the Angel Cafe trade who are already struggling with the current restrictions due to Corona virus. It is good to have competition but surely not right on their doorstep.</li> <li>2. There is a Costa coffee machine inside Tesco at the Armada Centre.</li> </ol>

3. If the van is parked by the bench it will obstruct the view of cars coming round the corner and could well cause an accident. It would also be very difficult when pulling out of the car park as the van could well block the view of the traffic coming round the corner.

4. We already have an issue with litter in the are and this I feel would exacerbate the situation.

5. There is currently insufficient parking spaces in this area and this would undoubtedly make matters worse.

Yours faithfully