

Dear Sir/Madam

Objection to Planning Application 6/2021/2571/FULL

Previous applications 6/2019/1277/FULL and 6/2019/1769/LB for reference.

We object to this application for a single storey building in the garden of Judges Public House in Northaw.

Judges PH used to be The Sun PH and they managed quite well as a pub and restaurant without filling the garden with large and small gazebos – some with side curtains - filled with all-weather garden furniture on new paving and AstroTurf which replaced the previous pub garden.

Judges have been kind enough to publish photos on their web site of the gazebos etc.

<https://www.judgesrestaurant.com/photos>

When Judges opened in 2017, they erected a very large structure which the council eventually enforced the removal. Within a few days a large marquee replaced it and within a few weeks the previous structure reappeared. Planning permission for this structure was denied in 2019 and the appeal was rejected in 2021. Judges were asked to dismantle the structure, but it still exists.

The council has previously denied planning permission and rejected the appeal, so approval would endorse a deliberate attempt to ignore planning legislation.

Judges car park has about 16 or 17 parking spaces. I don't know if it is illegal to park on the pavements instead of parking on the road, but Vineyards Road, Northaw Road West and Judges Hill have all become the overflow car park for Judges PH.

Northaw Road West (B156) is a bus route and it is not unusual for buses and Lorries to negotiate the blind bend by the village green at walking pace over the central dashed white line because of all the parked cars. Vineyards Road and Judges Hill effectively become one lane roads within walking distance of Judges.

All this inconsiderate parking is an inconvenience to residents, but also a hazard to anyone attempting to use the pavement with a pram or baby buggy. It should be noted that Judges attracts families at lunchtimes on the weekend for birthday parties and other special events. I have even seen 4x4 sports utility vehicles parked on the village green during family party events.

As most customers of Judges drive to Northaw from outside the village, it is a common site to see their vehicles still parked up on a Saturday and Sunday morning as the drivers have sensibly taken a taxi home when Judges closes at 01:00. Customers can often be extremely noisy at events and sound travels a long way when it is alcohol fuelled. They can also be noisy talking into their mobile phones or friends while waiting for their taxis.

Yours sincerely

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