

Comments for Planning Application 161455/DPP

Application Summary

Application Number: 161455/DPP

Address: 1 Desswood Place Aberdeen AB25 2EE

Proposal: Change of use of pavement area to seating area

Case Officer: Alex Ferguson

Customer Details

Name: Mr Gordon Henderson

Address: 12 Desswood Place Aberdeen

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to strongly object to the change of use of the space outside of 1 Desswood Place on a number of points

Change of Feel of Street: Allowing this change of use of this area will fundamentally alter the feel and character of the street. Desswood Place is a quiet family based residential location with low volume of through put of foot traffic by non-residents. This change would increase both the footfall and the noise level in the area. I would point out that changes like this are clearly undesirable based on the council own future planning documents which are strictly applied to residents on the street when they make an application for change. On this basis alone the application should not be granted.

Road Congestion & Safety: The addition of this seating area should also be disallowed based on the impact there will be on parking in the area. It is obvious from the recent trial patrons of the establishment were impacting the safety of pedestrians and local residents (especially children) by illegally parking while sitting in or take away from the establishment. This is an already busy junction that should not have added pressure put upon it least it causes injury or even death to pedestrian users. It can also be seen during the trial that there was a major impact on availability of parking for residents by both legal and illegal use on the on street parking zones around the shop which were as it were explained when this was set-up specifically put in place to ensure this did not happen.

Negotiation of Pavement: Based on the trial of the smaller outdoor seating area and the placement of the advertising sandwich board the staff of the establishment are not rigorously applying the terms of use. A number of times I have observed and experienced myself difficulty in negotiating this area due to placement of both of these.

Possible future changes: The change in character detailed in point 1 would be accentuated if the owner decides to open the establishment up to 11pm as I understand he has a license for and then to apply for a drinks license. This would be totally unacceptable and impact upon the quality of life for the residents of the whole street.

I would finally like to point out that the area already has a designated retail space for establishments like this which is on Fountainhall Place.

Thank you for your consideration