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From: the old bakery
Sent: 26 April 2018 11:48
To: Planning
Subject: Comments on NYM/2018/0177/FL - The Old Bakery, Chapel Street, Robin Hoods Bay, YO22 4SQ. Robin Hodgson
Attachments: Objection PDF.pdf

As someone who grew up in the village and now owns a business in Robin Hoods Bay, I strongly disagree with this application mainly for the following three reasons:

1 - **Pollution:** Disposable coffee cups and plastics in general is a focus for us all now and rightly so as the seas are full of materials which will outlive us all and generations to come. The Tea Hut (*which will sell mass processed food and therefore by definition is actually Fast Food and therefore is a Fast Food Food Hut*) USP is outside seating right next to and at a higher elevation to the beach. With either offshore or inshore winds it is abundantly obvious that residual waste and litter is guaranteed to end up on the beach and in the sea adding to existing problems. Damage to the local environment and wildlife is assured as rubbish is blown off tables into the sea, dropped and kicked about by inconsiderate people and into the waters whilst the tide is in or out. Despite installing lots of bins, with all the best intentions of clearing up either by staff or visitors, it is inevitable that littering will be a problem.

2 - **Heritage:** My father was a builder in the village for 30 years. He worked in non listed and listed buildings inside and out and is still resident today. In all that time, and on every job he ever did, he cared with every bone in his body how the job would look in relation to the village. His work was extremely sympathetic to the local surroundings, thoughtful to the client and in-keeping with the National Parks. If this Fast Food Hut is built, I have to ask, what was the point? Why did he bother to go extraordinary lengths to source and use recycled materials in an under-stairs cupboard that no one will ever see and yet it's ok to build a wooden fast food hut in full view of the world?

When we bought The Old Bakery and installed some much needed tender loving care, we did so in accordance with my fathers heavily installed principles. We applied for a number of things, some of which were turned down. We wanted to put some appropriate lighting above a sign and we were turned down. Yet is it ok to erect a wooden fast food hut which will need to have lots of lighting and associated advertising right on the sea front? We wanted to paint our logo on the side of the Bakery wall but we had one objection so we decided not to proceed, yet is it ok to have a Fast Food Unit built right on the sea front so when pictures are taken of Robin Hoods Bay - it's the Fast Food Hut people see?

3 - **Over Commercialisation:** We are not objecting to competition. We are objecting to this application on the grounds that a Fast Food hut is one step closer to Robin Hoods Bay taking an appearance and feel to larger local sea side resorts. In that respect, we strongly agree with My David Shackleton's view (The Coffee Shack) and agreed whole heartedly with his wording, "*In my opinion, Robin hoods Bay, which people visit due to its unique quaintness and timeless charm, is being overrun with commercial businesses that are more about profit than keeping with the feel and beauty of this Wonderful village*" If this application goes through, then perhaps Costa Coffee or Subway are not far behind.

Other notes I would like to add:

The appearance of the quarter deck will be appalling. More bins to accommodate rubbish, outside seating and deck chairs to maximise profits will be a terrible eye sore. It will no longer be a quiet place to sit and contemplate whilst watching the sea.

Notification location was poor, it was in a hidden spot in the dock, on a small post behind some boats.

Communication was very poor. Such a commercial change to the village should have an equal amount of communication in keeping with the size of the project.

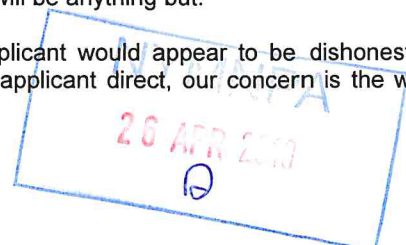
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Food offer is no different to what is currently offered by existing businesses although we all know that this can change to everybody's detriment once the business has been established.

Smells and doors from the Fast Food Hut is a consideration as it can have a detrimental effect on visitors perception.

The use of old photos and the idea of resurrecting the old Tea Hut is disingenuous. It will be anything but.

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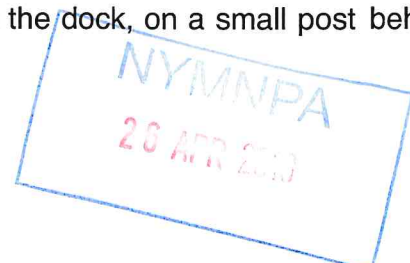
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