

APPENDIX 5

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Subject: 23/00580/PLANEW Consultation - Cappadocia Restaurant, 3 Stuston Road, Diss

Dear Eve

We object to the granting of a license on the grounds that without the provision of on-site parking this will represent a major health and safety concern to local residents, users of the restaurant and other road users.

Diss Town Council has major concerns about the application to turn the White Elephant public house into a restaurant with a proposed 86 covers. Whilst we would welcome this site which has been empty since 2017 being brought back into use as a restaurant this can only be supported if adequate parking provision is made.

In the applicants Design, Access and Heritage Statement point 7, transport consideration they say that there a lot of free parking at the vicinity of the premise. This suggests that they will be wholly reliant on using on-street parking probably to save the area behind the public house as a beer garden which is what it was last used for. It is not using any of this area as car parking provision for the proposed restaurant.

Stuston Road is one of the busiest roads taking traffic away from Victoria Road and in fact is a main route to destinations such as Ipswich and the south, Bury St Edmunds, Beccles and the east Norfolk coast to name but a few. It is a very busy thoroughfare and on-street parking would adversely affect residents in this mainly residential area. This can be seen in the arial view I have attached.

I hope you consider these point when you consider the application for a License.

Kind regards

Cllr Eric Taylor (Town Mayor / Chair of Planning committee)

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