

# Cawston Parish Council

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## **RE: R23/0978 – Retail Unit Heritage Way**

Dear Sam,

Cawston Parish Council wishes to **OBJECT** to Planning Application R23/0978.

It echoes the concerns raised by Warwickshire County Council Highways Authority. *'The proposal does not detail the provision of parking spaces or show how deliveries are to take place/ controlled. The proposal has stated that there is a parking area in proximity, but the Highway Authority do not believe this is in the same ownership as the proposed and so will not be under their control. The proposed is also located in a section of road that does not have TROs. The Highway Authority have concerns that the proposed would increase the possibility of unsafe parking.'*

Parking – Cawston Parish Council believes an additional unit in that location would make a dangerous junction even more dangerous as there would be an increase of traffic with people using the pharmacy. There is already insufficient parking in that locality particularly at peak times, with visitors to the Community Hall and children going to and from school; this addition would only exacerbate that problem.

Biodiversity – the sustainability check list completed by the applicant indicates that the proposal will 'deliver measurable improvements for biodiversity by preserving or enhancing habitats.' The Parish Council would dispute this, as the additional unit would be taking up a piece of green to accommodate it and there is nothing in the plans to offset this elsewhere.

Safety – The building work to erect the unit will certainly have an impact on the school and community hall as there will be large equipment and vehicles needed during the process. The Parish Council queries where these vehicles will be kept during the ongoing works? It also queries the practicalities of storing prescription drugs safely on site. Could this see a potential increase in anti-social or criminal activity? Linked to the above point on parking, there is also concern regarding the safety of pedestrians particularly, as due to the proximity of the school, more people are likely to be stepping out between parked cars onto a busy road.

The Parish Council is grateful to Rugby Borough Council Planning Department for permitting them to submit this response after the deadline to accommodate its meeting schedule.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Helen Stewart  
Parish Clerk