

2020/1817, 226 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0EE

Dear Paige Barlow,

Whyteleafe Village Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- The Tandridge District Council emerging Local Plan recognised this site location within Whyteleafe as a Local Centre defined as 'protected' shopping and commercial areas where the use of buildings should be retained for business rather than residential.
- The Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan identifies the need to safeguard retail and office space in centres, as far as possible in the context of national permitted development rights, while maximising opportunities to encourage wider activities in the centres to encourage greater footfall.

Councillors wish to see the centre of Whyteleafe supported as a shopping and commercial centre. With this in mind, please note the content of Neighbourhood Plan Policy CCW8 which seeks to preserve commercial activity in Town/ Local and Neighbourhood Centres e.g. any proposal for a different use should be accompanied by evidence such as a twelve month marketing exercise to see whether there is no longer any demand for its use as a commercial premises.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards

Simon Bold

Clerk, for and on behalf of, Whyteleafe Village Council