

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
27 November 2018**

**Report to consider applications for the Grant of Street Trading Consent(s) at a number of locations within the Bristol City Council administrative area.**

**Applicants: Bristol City Council**

Report of the Service Manager – Regulatory Services

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider applications for the grant of a Street Trading Consent in principle at the following locations:
  - a. Horfield Common, North of Children’s Play Area

**Background**

2. This application is made by the Bristol City Council Parks and Markets Teams.
3. The Parks and Markets Teams are responsible for managing land on behalf of the authority. These are premium locations whereby it is anticipated market value can be achieved by way of a concession process. This will be achieved via a tender process, whereby applicants bid for the site. These bids are assessed against specific criteria for each site, to ensure the successful applicant has a suitable offer for the relevant site.
4. The successful applicant for each site would be subject to a contract with the relevant team, issued for up to three years.
5. This location falls within the street trading policy as consent streets for the purpose of street trading legislation. Any street trading at that location other than under a street trading consent issued by the Council would constitute a criminal offence.
6. In order to streamline the process for the successful applicant, the Parks and Markets Teams have submitted “in principle”, or provisional, applications for the identified sites to the Licensing Team, in order to establish whether the sites may be suitable for

a concession site, and whether there are any issues with them. Therefore these concession sites are treated in exactly the same way as any other street trading application, which has the advantage of enabling other teams within the council and relevant persons to be consulted as to their suitability, or raise other concerns they may have.

7. If granted this site would be put out to tender, and the successful applicant would be required to submit a fresh application for street trading. The licensing manager may then dispense with the need for a full consultation if appropriate. The applicant would still be required to demonstrate that they were a suitable person to hold a street trading consent, and complete the other steps such as demonstrating the appropriate food hygiene level, and provision of a basic disclosure.
8. Details of the application is shown in the Appendix A along with a location map.

## **Consultation**

9. The Council's policy states that normally consultation will take place with the following interested parties:-
  - a. Local Residents
  - b. Local businesses
  - c. Bristol City Council – Highways officer
  - d. Bristol City Council – Planning Team
  - e. Bristol City Council – Food Safety Team
  - f. Bristol City Council – Pollution Control Team
  - g. Bristol City Council – Councillor
  - h. Avon and Somerset Police

The application is also advertised on the Council's website, and the applicant is required to place a notice of the application at the site for 21 days.

Standard consultation was undertaken in respect of all applications.

## **Consultation Responses**

10. A number of responses were received which are attached at Appendix B. Of these, 10 were in support of the application, and 27 against the application.

## **Officer Considerations**

11. Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 deals with street trading consents. Subject to certain exemptions that do not apply to this application, Paragraph 7 enables the council to grant a licence if they think fit. The council may attach such conditions as they consider necessary, which may include among other things conditions to prevent obstruction of the street or danger to persons using it, nuisance or annoyance etc. Consent may include permission for its holder to trade in a consent street from to trade from a stationery van, car, barrow or other vehicle, or from a portable stall. Unless such permission is included the act prohibits a consent holder trading from a van or other vehicle or from a stall, barrow or cart.
- a. If such a permission is included then the council may include conditions
    - as to where the holder of the street trading consent may trade by virtue of the permission; and
    - as to the times between which or periods for which he may so trade.
12. Representatives from the Parks and Markets Teams will be in attendance to answer any questions or provide further detail where required.

**RECOMMENDED** The committee is asked to determine the applications.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**  
**Background papers**

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**Appendices:**

**Appendix A** Details of application and location map  
**Appendix B** Representations

## Appendix A

### Location and application details:

Horfield Common, North Of Children's Play Area

Type of vehicle permitted: Van or Trailer or Cart (1.75mx2.4m approx)

Outside of trading hours vehicle kept: Offsite

To sell: Ice cream only. To exclude any such items deemed to cause offence and/or harm, such as alcohol, weapons, fireworks, vaping, tobacco, knives or legal highs.

Maximum hours: Monday to Sunday 0700 – 2000.

### Location Map:



1 RP

I am writing in relation to the proposed concession site on Horfield Common opposite Tesco Golden Hill. The proposed site is very close to the community cafe currently running next to the Ardagh. It would be in direct competition with the existing cafe which sells hot and cold drinks, ice cream, sandwiches etc and is a popular and important part of the local community. I therefore object to the location of the proposed concession tender site.

If the aim is to provide a site close to a children's play area, then perhaps a site near the playground by Horfield Leisure Centre would be a welcome addition for families using the play facilities at that end of the common, rather than duplicating in the existing area.

2 RP

I would like to support the councils proposals for a cafe at Horfield Common.

I used the common and the facilities in the area and feel this is the best location for a cafe in respect to existing facilities.

3 RP

I've heard there are plans to licence a second food seller on Horfield Common.

I don't approve of this because there is already a food seller run by the Ardagh and of great benefit to the staff and park users.

I see no sense in introducing a competitor to them in the same small park.

4 RP

Fantastic, just what the play area needs, a cafe and also toilet facilities next to it, gets my support.

5 RP

I believe the proposed cafe would be a great idea as it would be easy to access and allow parents to supervise children in the play area.

6 RP

I am writing to convey my objections to the plan to set up a Concessions Tender Site for Horfield common.

The very possibility of a cafe area has been shown by the community-supported 'Cafe on the Common', before which the council had no interest, claiming no demand, for facilities on Horfield common. The Cafe on the Common and associated activities appear to be thriving, improving the ambience of the common, but I very much doubt that it is a significant revenue stream. That is not the point.

A competing, or replacement cafe would threaten to undermine the Cafe on the Common, and destroy the facility we have.

Given the community-supported facility, this is not the place for a commercial outlet, and I doubt it would ease the Park's department's budget problems. The Cafe on the Common forms a hub for other 'Park Wardening' activities which would not be supported by a commercial outlet, and which have a positive impact on the Parks department budget.

Therefore I think that there is likely no advantage, and significant potential loss in setting up a Concessions Tender .

I have proposed alternative revenue raising and cost saving ideas in my response to last year's Consultation since I know the pressure that the Parks dept. is under, but I hope that we can minimise cuts to those aspects which cannot be replaced when times improve.

7 RP

Not sure if any progress has been made on the situation of the car clamping scheme for Horfield Common. The problem highlighted below has 'moved on' for the moment. However, I have witnessed recently examples of builders parking their vehicles on the common whilst working on a house at the weekend in Abbots Way. This Saturday will be interesting since if there is a repeat then the Rovers home fans will naturally think it is ok to do the same. Once the ground becomes soft the borders of the common will be ruined.

A second objection is the proposal to place a Café by the children's playground adjacent to Tesco. I would like to formally object to this through this email. It appears the council struggle to enforce parking restrictions, regularly cut the grass, clear the drains and provide decent bins for general and dog waste, yet they can find time to offer a facility that is quite frankly unnecessary and inappropriate. There is the voluntarily run very successful Ardagh café only yards away and of course Costa inside Tesco's as well as the Care Home Horfield Lodge café being open to the public. I would be interested to know if this proposal is a fixed or mobile structure. Either way it will not only cause more litter but also more traffic problems with parked cars on an already busy junction.

I wish the council would take in the big picture when making such proposals and consider the needs and wishes of its citizens rather than the needs of its own bank balance.

8 RP

We support building a Council cafe on the common. More choice.

9 RP

We support your cafe on the common.

10 RP

I would like to add my objection to the application for a concession tender site on Horfield Common near the children's play area on the following grounds that it undermines existing community business, duplicates existing provision without adding to the area. This should not be allowed to happen.

xxxx The existing facilities are well used but not at capacity, particularly given the recent expansion of space with purpose built meeting space. They are part of a

long struggle by local residents and volunteers to create a valuable local space, made possible by lots of volunteers. A council concession here would essential support a free-rider to this hard won community investment, and probably undermine both businesses as I doubt the space could bear two spaces in such close proximity (three if you count Costa in Tesco), and be of serious detriment to this community business.

11 RP

I would like to register my objection to Bristol City Council's proposal to install a competitor provision to the existing Cafe on the Common that already exists on Horfield Common.

The Cafe on the Common is already a successful, well supported, community run facility which brings far more than just an affordable cafe to our community. From this space many events are run and organised and it is a hub for families, dog walkers and the elderly to meet and participate in our very special community.

Another cafe facility very near the Cafe on the Common will not only undermine this valuable, existing resource but could also be a complete waste of tax payers money because there is also a Costa Coffee in the Tesco's at Golden Hill that people can access if they choose (only about 100m away from the proposed new site.)

I fully support the Friends of Horfield Common's suggestion of an alternative location nearer Horfield Sports Centre play area that would increase facilities for local people and park users at that end of the common.

I feel very strongly about this issue because I have lived in Horfield for 15 years now and I have seen the Cafe on the Common grow into something that is of great value to our community and treasured facility by the many different people that use it.

I really hope that the council sees sense and reconsiders their proposal.

12 RP

I would like to object as strongly as I can without actually physically exploding to the proposal to issue a license for a food / cafe concession on Horfield Common near to the playground off Kellaway Avenue.

You will by now be aware that this would be less than 100m away from an excellent, thriving community cafe set up, maintained and run by volunteers over the last couple of years. You will also by now be aware that the viability and growth of the community cafe is integral to the wider plans of the Ardagh Community Trust and Friends of Horfield Common - to move the running of the Ardagh into community ownership. This would be the culmination of many years hard work by an amazing team of local community volunteers. They have created an amazing, vibrant and growing community resource - enjoyed by local people of all ages - pretty much under their own steam.

The idea of issuing a license in an area made thriving by community efforts is an unnecessary and unwanted kick in the teeth for all those (and there are very many) who have been working away to create something positive for the community. I imagine that this is just an oversight from your team and the result of

a lack of joined up thinking and awareness among the relevant parts of the council.

Please can you confirm receipt of this objection. Please also inform me when this comes to licensing committee (unless you have the good sense to remove the proposal). It really is an outrageously bad idea on every level and will create a big load of objection and trouble until it is withdrawn.

13 RP

I support the plan for a cafe at the top of the common.

14 RP

I just found out that you are proposing to install a food station right next to the community cafe at Horfield Common. This is a crazy idea as there is a Costa coffee just over the road at Tesco and there is the Ardagh community cafe just nearby.

You would be undermining the Ardagh cafe and its community and also putting yourself into direct competition with Costa Coffee.

Why not have it at the other part of the common which is near the leisure centre.

15 RP

Please reconsider where you site this new provision.

The community group have worked hard at Ardagh and a duplicate is not necessary so nearby.

16 RP

I wish to register my objection to the proposal of a competitor cafe on Horfield Common, near the 'Cafe on The Common' at The Ardagh.

The Cafe On The Common is a wonderful community cafe facility located on Horfield Common in The Adrgah. It continues to prove itself as a popular, vibrant and extremely friendly community cafe environment, which also provides many opportunities to help the local community, such as 'repair cafes' and events throughout the time it is open. It is a facility enjoyed by many.

They have tried so hard to work with yourselves at the council to enable them to expand and develop existing land within The Ardagh to be able to provide a year long community cafe facility, with purpose built premises to enable them to open in all weather. However they have struggled to get the support from yourselves to do this. Now you want to stab them in the back by opening a competitor, rather than support a perfectly ample community cafe that is well established, popular and vital for the community.

A lot of people are unhappy at your decision, and your proposed competitor cafe will not prove popular with the many loyal customers of The Cafe on The Common, run by xxxx the many dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to put so much into it. Us loyal customers would certainly boycott your competitor.

17 RP

Great new location for a new cafe on Horfield Common.

18 RP

I object to this proposal because it will provide direct competition for the Café on the Common, established by volunteers in 2015, to provide a local facility on the common.

I believe that provision at the alternative location, near the play area at the other end of the common (near TA center) would extend facilities for local people and park users as there isn't anything there at all.

19 RP

I fully support the idea of a proper cafe by the play area. It will be far more convenient than the existing cafe.

20 RP

Having recently found out about the proposal by the council to establish a cafe next to the play area opposite Tesco Golden Hill.

We would like to support this excellent idea as we have noted the busy activity in the park during recent years and feel this would be an excellent idea for the local Community.

21 RP

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22 RP

I am writing to express that I do not support the proposal for an additional cafe on Horfield Common.

I think it will threaten the viability of the community cafe already in existence, as I doubt there is sufficient demand to support both.

The community cafe is a wonderful local asset and those involved ought to be congratulated for its success and supported to continue their good work.

23 RP

I have just found out the council is proposing to put a catering facility near each of the children's playgrounds. I fully support such a facility at the playground near Horfield Sports Centre

However, I object strongly to the proposed facility by The Ardagh. This would be a complete waste of council money as it is not required and is unlikely to yield any profit as there is already an established café at The Ardagh. The café is the centre of the community here and was set up with much hard work by xxxxxx. The café is a great example of a community led project, it has greatly enhanced people's experience of using the common. It is friendly, pleasant, has outdoor and indoor seating and is a real hub, from dog walkers to families. I would think this is the very initiative that the council should be endorsing not trying to compete with or undercut. I think the proposal is insulting to the community.

24 RP

I would like to register my objection to the proposal put forward to install a cafe / facility near the children's play area on Horfield Common just over the road from the Golden Hill Tesco.

I would suggest that this site would present a significant health and safety risk to the potential customers of this provision. Being so close to the busy Kellaway Road and right next to the road that leads to the garages would increase the chance of potential accident and injury. Wherever a provision was installed in that particular spot would create an unnecessary blind spot for pedestrians. As it is so close to the playground it is highly likely that some of these pedestrians may well be small children who might be oblivious to the dangers of potential oncoming vehicles.

If there were to be any sort of queue for this facility is it likely that this could spill over onto the road and cause an obstruction?

Along with these health and safety concerns there is an already existing cafe provision on the common that is run by local volunteers and continues to provide a great focal point hub for community events and cohesion. The proposal to put an alternative site so close to an existing one seems contrary to any possibility of this new provision being economically viable.

The Ardagh Community and Friends of Horfield Common have proposed an alternative site that is near the other children's play area situated in front of the Horfield swimming pool. This seems to be a much more sensible suggestion as it would provide a good focal point for that part of the common. It could service all the users of the playground and catch good footfall from people coming out of the sports centre and those walking towards Southmead Hospital. The provision could be placed further away from any busy roads and pose less of a health and safety risk for pedestrians.

I hope that you are able to reconsider the current proposal and increase the provision for the whole of the Common and the local community by adopting the alternative option.

25 RP

I am a local resident (xxxxxx) who uses Horfield common regularly for walking, playing, picnics.

I heard the recent local radio segment and would like to suggest that the proposed concessions tender site is moved to the other site suggested by the friends of Horfield common (near the other play area).

Their suggestion and reasons sounded sensible and well thought out. I think that a concessions stand in the place currently suggested by BCC would be in direct competition to the volunteer cafe. The current cafe is a wonderful addition to the local community, creating a space for local people of all ages to meet and interact. It would be shame to threaten this.

In addition, I believe that a stand there might very well struggle to make much money as people involved in the local community would all go to the volunteer cafe for their drinks, snacks and ice creams.

I hope that BCC reconsider this proposal.

26 RP

I am emailing to object in the strongest possible terms to the current proposal detailed in the subject line above to issue a street trading licence for an ice-cream vendor at this site on Horfield Common.

Friends of Horfield Common is a community parks group which is open for membership to all local people who share an interest in the park. FoHC currently has approximately 1100 members.

FoHC objects to the location being proposed for this additional provision as we do not believe that it is suitable; however, we propose an alternative location on the common which we believe would be suitable.

FoHC's objection to this specific location is for a number of reasons:

1. This proposed concession will undermine the existing community run business, the Cafe on the Common which is located less than 100m from this location. The Cafe on the Common sells ice-creams which would mean this was in direct competition to the existing provision. There is already a supermarket less than 50m away from the proposed location, which provides choice for people using the park if they do not want to purchase refreshments from the existing cafe. There is no need for this provision & going ahead with this will undermine a currently sustainable community business which is unacceptable.

2. The existing cafe is a community business which supports a wide range of volunteering activities in the park, which in turn support BCC to look after the park for the benefit of all users. This application is undermining of this activity which provides significant benefit to local people and the local environment. We additionally object to it for these reasons.

3. Locating any provision on the grass/common itself is not appropriate. It is not acceptable for a vehicle to park on the grass/common itself - this will cause

damage to the common. We understood that this was not allowed under the byelaws for the common? If the alternative location suggested below is acceptable to BCC (Horfield Common/Bishopsthorpe Rd instead of this location, which we believe is unsuitable) the vehicle should not need to drive on the common itself to get to a site/pitch - it should be located at the roadside. Any moving vehicles next to children's play areas are potentially dangerous, as well as causing damage to the grass - particularly if returning to the same spot over & over again.

4. It is not acceptable to have a diesel-powered vehicle located next to a children's play area. Can BCC confirm that wherever a site is agreed for an ice-cream (or any other) vendor, this will have a permanent electricity supply installed to power it?

5. We do not believe that this location is suitable, or acceptable for an additional catering provision of any sort on Horfield Common, but we do think that the location at the top end of the common (Horfield Common/Bishopsthorpe Road) would benefit from a provision of this sort & that this would support increased facilities for local people and park users rather than duplicating existing provision which is what we believe that the current proposal will do (to both traders' detriment).

Please see the attached for the location on Horfield Common that Friends of Horfield Common suggest would be more suitable & would support a licence being issued for. Locating a new provision here will provide a service to park users, and also the increased numbers of people who walk across the common at this point to travel to Southmead Hospital for work/visits daily. Community Infrastructure Levy funding has just been agreed at a meeting of Area Committee 2 which will fix a longstanding issue with the ground surface of the children's play area - meaning that it will be suitable for use year-round - which additionally will mean a significant increase in the footfall past this site.

Please note re: the above that we believe any new trader should be located on the roadside - not on the grass or the common itself. It is essential that a service point is installed to support the provision of a new trading location - as above - we do not support any proposal which would lead to a diesel vehicle running an engine next to a children's play area in any area of the city.

As an aside, can BCC licensing confirm whether village green legislation impacts on the sites on which vehicles can be parked? Most of the common is registered as village green & one of our members has asked if it is allowable under that legislation for vehicles to actually park on the common itself? It would be interesting to be able to feedback on this point if licensing are able to confirm?

27 RP

I live on the border of Horfield Common and feel it provides a valuable recreational space within the area which includes a Cafe on the Common next to the Centre which is run by volunteers.

It has been drawn to my attention that the Council are proposing to install another cafe close to the Cafe on the Common.

It seems utter madness to put two cafes in close proximity to one another putting one in competition with the other. Surely it would be far more sensible to install another cafe at the other end of the Common close to the play area rather than duplicating what already exists.

28 RP

I understand that the council is considering a license for a food and drinks kiosk on Horfield Common, close to the Kellaway Avenue Playground area and I am writing to express my concern about this. There is already a community-run cafe at the Aardagh which is enjoyed by many local people and which directly benefits the area. I don't feel that allowing a commercial competitor to set up so near to this is in the best interest of our community and I wish you to reconsider.

29 RP

I am in favour of a new concession on Horfield Common at the site proposed by the local council as it will provide an alternative to the food items offered at the Cafe on the common as it only provides a limited menu. It will make no difference to the few volunteers at the cafe who do the gardens and look after the common as all of the staff in the actual cafe are paid.

30 RP

I was astonished to read that you may be thinking of offering a catering concession on Horfield Common adjacent to the play area. As you will be aware this will compete with a much-loved community cafe which is located at The Ardagh approximately 100 metres away.

As a Trustee of the Ardagh Community Trust I am very aware of the vital role that the community cafe will play in ensuring the viability of the community asset transfer of the Ardagh to the community. I am confused by the contradictory signals BBC sends out to the public. On the one hand: 'Please get involved in community activities', 'please pick the litter up from the common', 'please take nonviable assets off our hands through CATs etc'. On the other hand: 'we will encourage another business to set up within 100 m or so of your community cafe' with the likely outcome that neither will be viable.

There would appear to be a much more suitable location for this new concession, at the north eastern end of the common near the other play area, opposite Horfield Leisure Centre. This would enhance visitor experiences at this end of the common.

I trust that this location of this concession will be reconsidered.

31 RP

I am writing to strongly object to your proposal to install another new cafe on Horfield Common.

I am a local resident (xxxxxx) who uses the present community cafe regularly and can't believe you could think that setting up a competitor provision is in any way a good idea.

Our local facility is very popular and a whole lot of effort has gone into setting it up and running events for the community.

Why don't you spend your time and resources helping us with the cafe we already have set up rather than wasting energy setting up a competitor site which is in no way needed or wanted!...

I also object strongly to the position of the site that you are proposing to put any kind of tender, as it would clearly block parents view of their children playing in the park and create a massive Health and Safety issue.

This road through the common is also used by cars and large trucks which despite the speed bumps thunder down there which park users already find dangerous and annoying. Siting a cafe right alongside this cafe would only create further dangerous scenarios.

I would ask that you please rethink your proposal which is unnecessary and a complete waste of resources which could be used elsewhere.

32 RP

This is the most inappropriate & ill thought out proposal. There is already a very successful cafe on the common, run by volunteers, providing hot & cold drinks, snacks including wraps & toasties & ice creams. It has indoor & outside seating & is situated close to the toilets.

Allowing another site to establish close to the children's play park would not only be in direct competition but also:

a) be an eyesore (I overlook the play park & do not wish to see anything erected by my boundary)

b) is a potential hazard with the road running alongside the park I witness enough 'Close calls' with children excitedly running to the playground , how many more if they can see an ice cream vendor!

c) the small road which is access to my drive is already used as a parking zone sometimes making it difficult to access my home & adding a concession of this nature is likely to make this worse.

I totally object to this proposal & would suggest if the council really think a concession is necessary it should be considered for the children's play park adjacent to Horfield Sports Centre where there are currently no facilities for children or parents/ guardians to obtain refreshments.

33 RP

I have recently been made aware of the notice for the above planning application. I am dismayed that the council are even considering the provision of street trading for food in a location surrounded by housing, close to a play area for children and a primary and secondary school.

In my view this is not only the wrong type of provision for an area that is ostensibly designed to improve the health and well being of people through exercise.

Exercise using the playground, exercise using the green space for children and adults to play football and other games, exercise walking the dog or playing basketball. Putting a street vendor facility in the park will almost certainly provide fast food i.e. Bacon rolls, sausage rolls, burgers, chips, cakes, and sugary drinks and snacks. We already have a serious issue with obesity (particularly with young children) so why are the council (supposedly responsible representatives of the population) encouraging people to eat the wrong food, in the wrong place, in the wrong way.

In addition I am concerned that this issue hasn't been raised at a public meeting with local residents who will certainly feel the impact through increased traffic, parking, litter and noxious smells.

I would ask that the council officers and councillors xxxxxx and xxxxxx give this further consideration and think through the implications for young children and adults. There is no doubt in my mind that children passing through the park in the morning, at lunch time and at tea time will be tempted to consume the wrong food. Please don't put this temptation in their way.

34 RP

I have just been made aware of a planning proposal for a cafe to be situated adjacent to the Children's Park on Horfield Common BS6. As a resident \*\*\*\*\* I am dismayed that no information has been forthcoming. There is very little evidence of the plans. Surely the council has a duty to inform local residents. Maps and proposals are situated well away from the intended location. These are also very vague.

I list my objections:

- (1) There is a non profit cafe less than 100m away. This is close to toilet facilities.
- (2) The noise pollution is already sometimes intolerable. This may well add to the aggravation.
- (3) The play area is quite often dangerously overcrowded. This may well perpetuate the situation. For example more children dashing across highways. Not to mention more children and sometimes adults urinating in the open!

So in my opinion I believe it to totally inappropriate. I would even go so far as to suggest the Children's Park would be better located in the centre of the common close to the facilities that already exist at the Ardagh.

35 RP

I do not know if this is the correct email address to give a response to a planning idea, so I am just trying. Like everyone else round here (I live in \*\*\*\*\*) I was appalled to hear that there is a proposal for another Cafe near the existing one. The present one is used really frequently, and even more so since the new hard path has been laid. It is intended to move it indoors to the Ardagh fairly soon, once the money and permissions have been gained. It provides a very good focus point for dog walkers, walkers and runners, local people and parents of children who go to the playground. It also encourages more community feeling. I believe that there has been a suggestion for another, more distant, Cafe further away on the Common, this might make more sense. I am really hoping that this plan for another Cafe near the existing one is dropped.

36 RP

I wish to object to the proposed development on Horfield common "Concession Tender Site" as follows. There is no need for another cafe on the common as there is already one there! So this would be unnecessary development on a green space. It could also be detrimental to the already successful community café. Why not support the existing community cafe instead, that would seem to me to a much more sensible use of resources. The people running this have gone to a lot of trouble to build this into a valuable community resource, it has recently gained an inside covered area, why jeopardise this? The council should be supporting these sort of local initiatives not competing with them.

I would like to register my objection to the proposal for a food and drink concession on Horfield Common. There is an existing community run Cafe which is very popular and would be severely hit if a competitor was allowed to open. The current cafe meets the needs of the community and is part of the ongoing resident support for this popular open space in Horfield and Bishopston. Any consideration to effectively 'close down' the community cafe by the council would be an obvious attack on encouraging volunteers to care about their Parks and locality. I'm sure there would be very little benefit to the council to loose all this local goodwill for the sake of a very small income that would arise from a new concession. I hope you will realise the strength of feeling in the community from all the objections you have received and will think again about any perceived benefit.