



Dear Kate,

Re Planning Application 2016/6011/P

We used to run the family owned bicycle business (Simpson Cycles) at 114-116 Malden Road until we closed in 2015. The business opened in the early 1930's and was taken over by us in 1972 so we were sad to have to close after many years trading and over 40 years under our control.

Our comments on this application are as follows:

1. We still own 114-116 Malden Road. The location has become very run down of late (even worse now the doctor's surgery has permanently closed) and as you are aware we are currently doing our best to restore the upper floors. We have just sold the first two of the flats on 114 side that we are creating as per our own planning permission 2013/0350/P. We support this application on 112 as it will also improve the area and we are happy that it is to all be back in use.
2. We understand from the owner of 112 that questions have been raised about the shallow strip of land in front of all of the properties. In the same way as 110 (which we used to rent so know well) we have large basement windows and doors at the front of both 114 and 116. Although now covered the light wells must have previously been open. We also have stores off the covered light wells which are below the highway pavement.
3. Regarding the proposal to open the front area up at 112 and erect railings and basement access it would make no adverse difference to 114 or 116. Letting in light and air will make such a difference.
4. When open and trading we used our strip of land as an external bicycle display area and over the years we have seen 110 and 112 use their strips for fruit and vegetable displays, rabbit hutches, bird tables and tables and chairs as it is now as a cafe. It has never been Highway Land as otherwise no one would have been able to use it as we have all done during the past 150 years.

Yours sincerely

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