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My objections to this application still stand:

1. In the notes posted through my door (initially again without a date on the application notification); you state that the lay-by is next to a commercial park. It is not; it is a row of 3 shops next door to a recreational park with some play equipment for children. As per my original objection THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA and it is HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE that a kebab van is sited here. Better that it is near a proper commercial park such as that on the Kingsmere estate.
2. Your response to the parking issue is quite frankly inadequate. The lay-by is for use of residents visiting one of the 3 shops that are there. In addition the van will be very close to a bus stop and therefore exacerbate safety issues for people who wish to cross the road as it will obscure the view.
3. I've resided in this area for many years and think that your response that antisocial behaviour is just to do with alcohol is a gross assumption. In fact antisocial gatherings happen quite often without alcohol being involved. Hanging around together in groups however does exacerbate this type of behaviour and the presence of a kebab van will be an excuse for people to hang about and possibly cause a nuisance. I cannot see that whether you tolerate antisocial behaviour or not, that you will not be able to intervene and prevent it no matter what you say.
4. The four outlets that exist in the area all sell food and a kebab van is NOT needed to add to the offer. The outlets that exist by their nature encourage people to eat at home or inside the pub. I do not believe this will be true of a kebab van. I cannot see that your presence will not harm the other businesses as you state.
5. The nature of a van means that there is an open hatch through which sales are made; odours will of course escape, no matter what. Waste management will exist until whenever a waste management company chooses to turn up and collect it. I doubt that this will be directly after sales have closed and believe the waste issue is still very much a concern.
6. The possible harassment of people using the ATM remains and you will have little if any influence over this threat to people's feeling of being safe
7. You say your business will be restricted to early evening hours, but the application is from 4-11pm. This is NOT early evening! Noise will possibly just not be from your generator either, but could come from noisy customers.
8. The free parking available copes with people visiting the shops, pub, community hall users and those stopping to use the recycling facilities. It is often very busy and I doubt people using your kebab van would use it anyway. People tend to try and park as near as possible to their destination and that brings us back to road safety issues and also the proximity of the bus stop.
8. As I have originally stated, I doubt very strongly that food waste will be collected by midnight and therefore the attraction of rodents is still a concern. This is one of the reasons why food vans are not allowed to operate along the A 34 (not residential).

9. Your system for odours disperse where? Into the surrounding area...? I can't see how odours can be totally eliminated. This remains a huge concern.

10. What additional measures exactly would/ could be taken to avoid disturbing residents? I think this is not feasible.

11. As already stated, rowdiness is not always due to alcohol (although could come from the pub); 11pm is very late for a residential area; you state it isn't, I wholeheartedly disagree. You haven't established a customer base yet, so how can you tell how your customers might behave. You wouldn't have the authority to do anything to stop any antisocial rowdiness anyway. Calling the police is unrealistic and a waste of resources anyway.

12. The groups of people frequenting your van would scare people, not you; you totally miss the point. You can ensure that you can eliminate this possibility, not by installing cctv or by changing your hours. The only sure way here is not to operate here in the first place.

I believe my objections are real and true and that the application for any take away food vans should be firmly rejected in the interests of the residents who pay their taxes to keep their communities safe and pleasant places to live and sleep in.

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