

PLANNING REF : 242147
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Oakwood Centre
: Headley Road, Woodley, Wokingham
: RG5 4JZ
SUBMITTED BY : Woodley Town Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 18/09/2024

COMMENTS:

The Planning & Community Committee have considered this application and wish to submit objections.

The Committee's main objection is that the proposed location is unsuitable. Councillors wished to highlight that, whilst this area is pedestrianised, it is still classified as a highway. The precise location proposed is an area regularly used as access by vehicles involved with Woodley's two weekly markets as well as other annual events, such as the Town Council's Halloween and Christmas events. The introduction of this kiosk would cause disruption to the flow of traffic and lead to an increased likelihood of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, as well as impeding the running of Town Council events, popular with the community.

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Committee also noted there was already a telephone kiosk and a defibrillator in the Town Centre, in close proximity to this location. Whilst they would not be opposed to the addition of a communications kiosk they felt there was no significant demand for this, and if it were to happen they recommend it takes place in a different location. In future, prior discussion with the Woodley Town Centre Manager, Brian Fennelly, would assist with such an application to identify a suitable location.

Members noted that Borough

councillor Rowland had been requested to list this application, should planning officers be minded to approve it.