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Dear Mrs Lovegrove,

I would like to **OBJECT** to the planning application for a dispensary/pharmacy, located at Stanground Surgery, Whittlesey Road but accessed via Peterborough Rd, reference planning application 12/01919/FUL

The reasons for my objections are as follows:-

1. The planning application title does not represent the full intention of the application, particularly no reference to the dispensary/pharmacy, which had also previously been applied for under reference 11/01561/FUL and also 12/01331/FUL, which had received almost 1000 objections in total and had been refused. Without the application being considered with A1 use class for which the pharmacy/ dispensary is intended, will result in full consideration not being given, to protect the public and other users of the facility and neighbouring properties, therefore this application should be taken to the planning committee, due to the historic and current concerns regarding this site.
2. The introduction of the pharmacy/dispensary, will attract a significant number of new visitors to the site, which would not normally attend, thereby increasing the number of vehicular movements, this magnified by the dangerous junction and being able to manoeuvre in and out of the narrow shared service road which does not intend to meet the requirements leading to the application site via the only access from Peterborough Road, the factors are compounded by the close proximity to the two bus stops, the presence of local school and the 1800 college/ academy students, also the emergency services of the fire brigade, adjacent. This coupled with the reduced visibility up the Peterborough Road, due to the incline and also the closeness to the very busy roundabout and Halls The Chemist own car park entrance. The volume of traffic on Peterborough Road and also the speed of the traffic adds substantial further risk for vehicles trying to enter or leave the site.
3. The risk this will cause to the loss of extensive services and closure of Halls The Chemist, being less than 1 minutes walk from the surgery car park. Halls The Chemist, has all the facilities of a modern pharmacy including consultation room and its own car parking, what is the council thinking?
4. The Co-op pharmacy permission to move to the surgery from Central Square, is based on out-dated regulations, resulting in the current NHS thinking not being considered with the move of the Co-op pharmacy, which will make it harder for all the residents and patients to access medicines and services at the new location compared to within the local shopping retail parade at Central Square, which is nearer their homes and will result in many patients having to use cars to access their medication at the new site and therefore moving traffic movements from a retail centre to a non – retail location. The risk and loss of the adjoining Local Post Office, due to the pharmacy moving, will deny local residents of another essential service.
5. The introduction of the new pharmacy/dispensary which will be run by the Co-op pharmacy, therefore a separate entity to the surgery, will also bring additional traffic movement of deliveries for medicines and waste collection of general rubbish and removal of medicine waste, plus extra staff required to run the Co-op pharmacy, e.g pharmacist, dispensers, counter assistants, managers etc. Like all NHS pharmacies, they will be required to provide service to all patients and therefore will increase traffic to site, whereas no need to have this facility at this location has been identified and its current location is already housed appropriately in a local retail centre.

I hope you will take on board mine and the community concerns and REJECT this application.

Yours sincerely



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