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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 May 2025 12:14
To: planninginfo
Subject: Objection to Proposed Convenience Store Development

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Dear Planning Officer's / Sir or Madam

I am writing to formally object to the proposed planning application for an additional convenience store on Copthorne Bank which would bring the total number of such stores on the same stretch to three—each within a short walking distance of one another.

There are already two well-established convenience stores operating on this road, and adding a third would be both excessive and unnecessary, particularly in a small village setting. This overconcentration not only undermines the viability of existing local businesses—one of which has recently invested significantly in renovation—but also threatens the character and balance of our community's commercial space.

The road in question is already extremely busy, and further increasing traffic will only heighten safety concerns. School children regularly cross this road, and more traffic will make this considerably more dangerous. Additionally, many residents, myself included, already find it difficult to safely pull out of our driveways due to the current traffic levels—something that will only worsen with increased congestion.

The proposed development does not serve a clear need and would only exacerbate traffic problems, reduce the viability of existing shops, and risk turning our village into more of a through-road than a community-centered environment.

I respectfully urge you to consider the impact this development would have on safety, local business, and the overall character of our village, and to reject the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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