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To whom it may concern,

I strongly object to the planning application DM/24/2957.

I have lived in Copthorne for over 30 years and the changes that have happened to this one time small village are immense. The amount of traffic now passing through the village has increased so much.

Our roads are now more difficult to cross safely. I work in one of the local schools and we are always being made aware of near misses on the roads as there are no safe crossing places. The positioning of the Prince Albert pub, on an already busy junction, and the proposed changes will definitely increase these problems. Using this junction almost daily, I see, first hand, the amount of traffic that now uses the village as a rat run. Any problem with the motorway and the traffic diverts through Copthorne and the Prince Albert junction on Copthorne Bank is where it all has to travel.

The need for another convenience store also seems unnecessary. The local post office has just been completely refurbished and is nearly next door to the Prince Albert, so will be affected by another store as will the Morrisons and Premier store, all run by local people.

The amount of housing that has gone up around Copthorne, and is still being planned, is also unacceptable. Another change to the village landscape, at such a landmark, would be a stark reminder of what is going on here.

It saddens me that it has changed so much and this proposal is unacceptable.

Yours faithfully,
Linda Kensett

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