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Sent: 21 January 2026 11:25
To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: proposed development

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of a Co-op shop on Ash Bank.
(Application number - SMD/2025/0532)

My primary concern is public safety, particularly due to the proximity of 2 nearby schools. The proposed site is located on a 40mph road adjacent to a four-way junction, which is already a high-risk area for traffic incidents. The introduction of a retail store would significantly increase vehicle movements, delivery lorries, and pedestrian activity, thereby increasing the risk of accidents involving children, parents, and other vulnerable road users.

In addition, the junction currently experiences congestion at peak times. Increased traffic associated with a convenience store would further impact road safety, visibility at the junction, and the ability of vehicles to enter and exit the area safely.

There is also concern regarding the lack of necessity for an additional retail outlet in this location. The area already has access to essential community services, including a pharmacy, doctors' surgery, church, and library, and local convenience stores which adequately serve local needs. Introducing further commercial development risks over-development of the area without clear benefit to the community.

Furthermore, the proposed location directly behind residential properties raises concerns regarding noise, light pollution, delivery hours, and loss of privacy, which would negatively affect the wellbeing of residents and security of property.

Given the significant safety risks, the proximity to a school, the existing traffic challenges, and the presence of sufficient local amenities, I respectfully request that this application is refused in the interest of public safety and community wellbeing within the local area.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Yours faithfully

Amy Stevens