

AGENDA ITEM 5

APPENDIX 4

COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

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Dear Sir,

2016/0062/DET Application for planning permission under Section 42 to vary condition 22 of permission 2011/0177/DET - Land Adjacent To The Winking Owl Grampian Road Aviemore Highland

I refer to the above and have to inform you that Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council fully support this application for the following reasons;

1. The application relates to planning permission 2011/0177/DET which was granted on 22nd January 2014. The permission was for a Class 1 retail store with associated parking, servicing and landscaping and the developer was Tesco. Tesco for commercial reasons sold the site. The new developer has now applied for a change of use. This application is essentially for the change of use within the building from one store to three stores with no change to the outside dimensions of the building.
2. The economic need for the store is well documented in 2011/0177/DET. This application to vary the 'single store' permission to that of three stores will bring more variety and competition to the local market place to the benefit of the public.

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In conclusion;

This is not a completely new application. It is an application to vary an existing planning permission and the Community Council questions why it needs to go through the 'Call-in' procedure and the subsequent delays that will entail. Badenoch and Strathspey has already lost the opportunity to have a larger Tesco store due to delays in having planning permission granted. It is difficult to understand why Cairngorms National Park Authority planners are putting so many obstacles in the way of a development which will add variety and competition to the benefit of the Aviemore economy and above all has great public support.

This application is simply for a change of use. The changes to the store infrastructure, servicing and parking are included in a separate planning application. The Community Council has no doubt whatsoever that if this application had not been called in it would have been dealt with under delegated powers by Highland Council.

Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council requests that a representative be allowed to address the Planning Committee to enable comment to be made on planning issues identified in any subsequent submissions on this application.

Yours faithfully,



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