

APPLICATION NO: 25/01160/FUL		OFFICER: Ms Michelle Payne
DATE REGISTERED: 5th August 2025		DATE OF EXPIRY : 30th September 2025
WARD: Swindon Village		PARISH: SWIND
APPLICANT:	Shire Box	
LOCATION:	Swindon Playing Field Wymans Lane Cheltenham	
PROPOSAL:	Installation of a purpose-built catering trailer, two A-Frame signs and a queue management barrier in the car park for street food vending during the operating hours of 07:00 -18.00. Trailer to be removed from the site outside of these hours.	

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	30
Number of objections	26
Number of representations	0
Number of supporting	4

21 Dark Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RN

Comments: 19th August 2025

I live in the village but do not overlook the park. If this is a hot food trailer I object entirely, there are enough fast food outlets within the area. I do not object to a coffee van but I do object to the early opening hours either way. Other park cafes open between 8.30-9am and they are not in a carpark next to a primary school and playgroup facility. I feel it's targeting primary and preschool children and their parents/carers whilst on the school run. Where else is there a food trailer more or less outside a school? The council has many policies on promoting healthy living and on its own website shares the childhood overweight/obesity rates of children (by Year 6) in Gloucestershire. These fluctuate between average and above the national average.

18 Northcroft
The Park
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 2NL

Comments: 19th August 2025

Objection to Application PP-14174769 - Swindon Village Park

I wish to object to the above application on the following grounds:

1. Incomplete and insufficient application information

The application refers to two units - a vintage horse box and a traditional catering trailer - but no images are provided of the second horse trailer. This omission prevents the public and decision-makers from properly assessing the visual impact on the conservation area.

The absence of such information is not simply inconvenient; it raises compliance issues under UK planning law:

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 7 and Part 1 of the GDPO set out validation requirements.

An application must include all the information necessary to describe the development. This includes plans, elevations, and (where relevant) photographs or visuals to allow officers, consultees, and the public to understand its impact.

Local planning authorities can declare an application "invalid" if required information is missing. If it slips through validation, it can still be refused on the grounds that the proposal's impacts cannot be fully assessed due to lack of adequate detail.

In a conservation area, Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a statutory duty on the council to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of that area. Without images of all proposed structures, that duty cannot be met, which is a valid reason to refuse.

2. Lack of menu detail

The supporting statement refers only to "hot and cold drinks, snacks, and locally sourced baked goods" but does not specify the precise hot food items to be served. This is relevant to assessing potential odour, waste, and litter impacts, and should be provided before determination.

3. Loss of parking spaces

The proposal would remove existing parking spaces. This is of particular concern given Gloucestershire County Council's intention to extend double yellow lines around the nearby school, which will further reduce local parking availability and may create road safety issues.

4. Inappropriate visual impact

The proposed "blue box" catering trailer is not in keeping with the character of the conservation area. As other objectors have noted, such a design is more suited to an industrial setting than a rural community park.

5. Alternative, more appropriate location

A more sympathetic arrangement would be to site the traditional horse box-style trailer serving tea, coffee, and cakes in the field near the parish council building or St Stephens cricket club. This would integrate better with the park's rural character and reduce visual intrusion on the main public space.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that the Council refuse this application unless the missing information is provided and the design, siting, and parking issues are addressed in a way that protects both the character and practical use of Swindon Village Park.

21 Drayton Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QB

Comments: 18th August 2025

Entrance to car park limited in width and at a point in Wymans Lane very near to a busy junction with Swindon Lane that gets congested when the level crossing barriers are down. Positioning of this type of trailer in a small parking area which is next to a building housing a children's Pre-school play group and a children's play area, would create an environmental issue with noise and smell from equipment used to supply power to the unit and cooking smells. There is also the sanitary issue as there are no toilets for public use in this park. This small car park gets very congested especially at school drop off and collection times and parking is very limited and would make the entrance even more of a hazard for park users. The use of "A" boards outside of the park to advertise this facility would be a distraction to road users.

49 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 11th August 2025

Traffic on Wymans Lane is horrendous, trying to get off our drive during peak traffic is bad enough with the train gates etc, this will cause more traffic, plus less parking on school and football days. We already get people parking on grass verges and causing obstructions. It will also encourage more litter around the park. There are 2 playgroups very close too, it really is not a suitable area for this unit!

37 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 21st August 2025

Regarding planning permission for a catering trailer, to be placed in the Swindon Village car park on Wyman's Lane.

>> We live in a property directly opposite the proposed area where they are proposing a catering trailer to be pitched.

>> We strongly object to this proposal on several different reasons.

>> 1.

>> It is totally untrue that the car park is not used/busy. This car park is very busy on a regular basis. The council has given permission for four football matches to play on the park.

>> Once again the cars and vans spill out onto the grass verges, also parking illegally and extremely dangerously along the public footpath. They even park on the grass verges outside my house, and also the corner grass verge.

>> 2.

>> The car park is very busy at drop off and pick up at school and nursery times, as well as dog walkers which come by cars and vans. This could lead to potential accidents and harm to children with the volume of vehicles.

>> 3.

>> We would be living with continuous compressor noise, and catering smells.

>> There are three waste bins around the car park for dog poo. These bins become overloaded with not only dog poo bags, but some of the drivers bring and clean out their cars. They are also filled with local take away boxes, plastic cups and chicken bones and food strewn around the car park.

>> 4.

>> There are no public toilets in the vicinity, which will increase the park being used for even more toileting.

>> 5.

>> This village park does not require additional services, which would have negative impact mentioned above, but would be spoilt by additional increased traffic coming to the park.

>> Within the proposed area there are options IE: Huntscote Road and Runnings Road and Quat Goose lane have food and drink vans. We also have six food and drinks take-away outlets within half a mile from the proposed area.

>> 7.

>> Whilst on the subject of the car park being busy, we have an ongoing issue with cars arriving at from school time to the early hours of the following morning. These cars park facing the road and their full headlights ON, therefore invading my privacy with my house being lit up. The drivers sit and wait until their customers arrive to do their drug dealing.

>> We received the letter of proposal on the 8th August 2025. The issue already mentioned will have a significant impact on our quality of life, and the park's unspoilt beauty.

>> We strongly object to this proposal for a catering trailer, for the extra traffic.

>> We would be very grateful if this proposal of a catering trailer will be raised at the next parish council meeting please.

>> With kind regards

39 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 15th August 2025

Living opposite the site entrance, I strongly object to the application for a catering unit to be given permission to use the small parking area already used by locals who need the parking spaces.

The parking area is very full twice a day with school children and nursery children using the facilities to get to and from school, there simply is no extra room for a large catering unit.

Let alone the weekends with football users where the park is so full that drivers are forced to park illegally on the grass verges and road sides.

Traffic is already horrendous during busy periods where getting off the drives has become very dangerous and an unpleasant task. Creating more traffic will only exasperate the already large problem.

Who is the catering unit for ?

I cannot see who would be using this facility. apart from the very busy times the park is so very quiet and does not need any form of catering services. why would locals buy food when we have homes just minuets away!!! Are busy school mum and dads going to stop and buy for the children? Surely this will create chaos for them! The only viable people that will probably buy are the football crowd at weekends but then they have managed for the past 30 yrs without of course!

The smell and noise. I live opposite so it will of course affect me probably more than others and I DONOT want to smell or hear a generator or fried food 7 days a week if i want that I can go and stand outside the other catering unit just 500 yrds up the road (JOES) which caters for the industrial unit quite adequately.

The rubbish, the park already has a litter problem where the locals have to deal with, we do not want more!

What about the barriers, how will they get in and out, will this cause problems with the travellers again because I also would not like them to return and cause mayhem to myself as well as the local community.

The unit is far to big for a small space and I can only see it causing hazardous problems for the users of the park. Nothing about it I can see will enhance the beautiful parks needs.

I forgot about toilets....there are none this will of course create more problems. lease think of the locals who will be affected mostly on allowing this. Seven days all day is really quite absurd for such a small parking area.

43 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 8th August 2025

We live in a property directly opposite the proposed area that this catering trailer will be pitched.

We strongly object to this proposal on several grounds

1. It is totally untrue that the car park in question is not used. This car park is regularly full, and often over spilling onto Wymans lane. This occurs particularly during the weekend, plus during the football season and always during school drop off and pick up times this often causes illegal and extremely dangerous parking. It also leads to Wymans lane becoming quickly blocked, particularly when the railway crossing barriers are down.
2. As the car park is very busy at drop off and pick up school times with pedestrians and drivers, and the car park narrow, then further reducing space for cars to park or turn round will lead to greater potential of accidents and harm to children and adults
3. We would be living with continuous compressor noises every day of the week
4. We would be subject to smells and increased amounts of rubbish.
5. This quiet village park does not require additional services which will have the negative impacts mentioned above and to be spoilt by additional busyness traffic coming to the park for breakfast and lunch
6. There are no toilets in the vicinity, increasing the possibility of the park being used for toileting
7. The letter regarding this proposal arrived with us 8/8/25, many residents of the village and parents of the children at the local school will be on holiday so unable to respond to this proposal, or may not even be privy to this proposal
8. The issues above will lead to significant impact on our quality of life and the park's unspoilt beauty.

For these reasons we vehemently object to this proposal in its entirety

I am also curious as to whether the parish council have been informed of this proposal

45 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 14th August 2025

Living opposite the location of the proposed installation, I would like the committee to consider the following when making decisions.

Firstly, whilst the application mentions the car park being under-utilised, this is only true at certain points in the day. At school drop-off/ pickup time, plus all day Saturday and Sunday mornings the carpark is sufficiently used to cause excess traffic to park on

Wymans lane, on verges and pavements. This is, at some point, likely to cause a traffic incident, or worse should the situation be exacerbated by the loss of at least three practical spaces.

There are currently well known traffic issues at the level crossing and park entrance, particularly obvious at present with other road closures. This places a constraint on traffic flow, and is acutely evident at times when emergency service access is required. I believe this installation will cause additional pressure, and potentially delay, public and private traffic flow, but also emergency service progress.

At minimum I would expect a traffic /car park use survey and a traffic/parking management plan to be in place before opening.

Furthermore, the parish council regularly runs litter pick events to ensure the local area remains in a pleasant state. Should the catering trailer be installed this will likely create more litter, creating further pressure on the volunteer lead efforts, potentially resulting in their withdrawal and further burden being placed on the council.

Third, the cricket hut on the park is currently in need of some restoration, and should be considered as a viable alternative, rather than creating an additional temporary structure.

Fourth, the lack of toilet facilities is likely to cause an increase in public urination, and a blight on the park and parish or at worst case indecent exposure cases being brought.

In short. Madness.

47 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 23rd August 2025

We strongly object to this proposal.

Traffic and parking: Increased traffic congestion, difficulty accessing the carpark, or inadequate parking/turning space as the carpark is used by parents/carers of both the Mary Godwin Playgroup and Swindon Village Primary School for drop offs/pick ups. Increased traffic in the carpark poses increased danger to children arriving/leaving the area. Dog walkers will also be affected as they may not feel that they are able to let their dog off the lead for safely reasons and or an increase in food waste and litter.

Noise and disturbance: Increased noise from customers, equipment, or generators. We live almost opposite the Playing Field entrance/carpark and I feel that this would only add to the noise already created by traffic and congestion. I also think that this proposal may invite some kinds of antisocial behaviour, actions that can cause distress to other people, negatively impacting their quality of life and the community's safety. This may include vandalism, harassment, intimidation, and threatening behaviour.

Waste and environmental issues: Inadequate waste management, litter, or potential for pollution. The Swindon Village Playing Field and main curbed area that runs along Wymans Lane opposite our property can on occasion be littered both sweet wrappers,

drink cans, food wrappers and I feel that this will only increase with the proposed catering trailer.

Loss of amenity: Loss of privacy, increase footfall past our property. The visual impact of the trailer from our property will be compromised for what at present is a lovely view.'

Unpleasant smells would omit from the proposed catering trailer which we would then have to injure especially if our property windows were open.

Highway safety: Any impact on road safety due to the trailer's location or operations.

Wymans Lane can be very busy with traffic queuing at particular times of the day and I feel this will only add more traffic making it increasingly harder for people leaving the carpark on foot proceeding to move onto Wymans Lane. It will also make it harder to leave our driveway onto the Wymans Lane.

Flat 1
Roadlands Greenway Lane
Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 6LB

Comments: 18th August 2025

I am looking forward to joining my sister in Swindon Village Park and watching the kids play whilst being able to enjoy a nice cup of coffee.

After reading all the supporting documents associated with this case it seems the applicant is not intending to be a "greasy spoon" but offer hot drinks, cakes and pastries etc to people like us who ALREADY use the park.

Personally I am not a fan of those big burger trucks they have over by B&Q or Wickes. Each to their own, but they are not for me. This doesn't sound like one of those though and appears to be aiming to cater for a different clientele.

I hope so!

They had a box which appears similar to this at Beeches in Charlton Kings which made walking the dog and chatting with friends while the kids played really enjoyable. The one in Sandford Park or by St Luke's Church are nice too. I haven't seen anyone weeing in the bushes in any of those locations despite there being no toilet facilities. Just parents getting a decent dose of caffeine while going about their lives.

Traffic can be very busy on that road, but I would say that is more to do with the railway crossing, the new housing development behind Gallagher Retail and the lengthy closure of the Racecourse Road sending the diversion that way than anything this catering unit may add. I expect the vast majority of its customers will be on foot?

I hope the application is successful and look forward to enjoying a good hot drink and maybe a pastry to destroy my diet with. I'll blame this guy when I go up a dress size.

23 Parkwood Grove
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9JW

Comments: 24th August 2025

Thank you for feedback and comments to date, in light of my application to operate a catering trailer in Swindon Village Park.

I have read all comments with interest and would like to address them where possible directly, to help clear up any ambiguity in the proposal.

I am also considering practical ways to address concerns raised, some of which are detailed below, but additional suggestions are very much welcomed by the community.

In late 2023/early 2024, Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) identified Swindon Village Park as one of several viable sites that businesses could apply to trade from (as well as Hatherley Park, Hartley Lane and Sandford Park). The purpose of marketing those opportunities was to assess the "viability of our popular parks and gardens to both enhance the current offerings in these locations and also to provide services to communities to allow them to greater enjoy the towns recreational spaces. The Covid Pandemic saw a huge increase in the use of public open spaces and outdoor facilities, a trend which has continued since".

I understand that catering units are now in place and operating in Hatherley Park and Sandford Park, yet Swindon Village Park has no immediate refreshment facilities within the park for park users.

The primarily focus of my business is a tea/coffee/pastries/ snacks trailer.

I do not have a deep-fat-fryer nor intend to serve the likes of burgers/fries - so food smells are expected to be minimal.

Healthy food options will be available: fruit, yoghurt, granola pots and so forth.

Hot food would be of the toasted sandwich / panini variety.

Even though my business owns a vintage horse box, its usage is not part of this application, hence why no images have been provided within the application. The Covering Letter makes reference to ownership of a vintage horse box, but planning sought is for the catering trailer only.

The generator that I will use is LPG and therefore considered to have low emissions.

I am exploring the option of fitting an additional exhaust pipe outlet, which can be mounted above head height to further control the direction and dispersal of any emissions, should this be required.

The LPG generator operates at approximately 59dB(A) at 7m, which decays to around 43dB(A) by 45m and will be absorbed by ambient background noise.

I am exploring acoustic enclosure options to further help minimise any noise should Environmental Health indicate that it is required.

I will provide waste bins (recyclables and general waste) for customers and will remove litter off-site each day. I will have litter grabbers available and incentivise customers who collect litter from the park with a complimentary product (eg a free cup of coffee). I do not tolerate littering.

I have learnt from the comments posted that there is a local volunteer litter picking group and I welcome the opportunity to support their work eg providing bin bags, litter grabbers and dedicated concessions for these volunteers.

I appreciate and sympathise with all comments about existing traffic/congestion at the site around school drop off and pick up times, and am keen to work with CBC to review how to improve this situation. As part of my street trading licence application I underlined my commitment to supporting any CBC initiatives, eg turning off idling car engines.

My primary target customers are those who already use the park and nursery/school, rather than attracting additional cars to the car park.

I have not requested planning permission for signage on Wymans Lane roadside to point to the catering trailer, so am not directly aiming to attract more vehicles to the site.

The A-boards proposed are for use within the site boundary, not on the roadside. Page one of the Supporting Statement for A-Frame signage states: 'Location: Directly adjacent to the trailer, within the leased/licenced pitch boundary'

I will use barriers and signage to help manage pedestrian footfall safely around the trailer.

The hours submitted cover the maximum potential trading window. As with any new business, I will refine actual days and times based on demand. Sundays, for example, may prove to be wholly commercially unviable to operate.

The barrier to the car park would be opened and closed by myself as I drive in/out of the site. It will not be left open all day or night.

No seating is being provided by myself, thus customers are not expected to linger around the trailer. This is a takeaway establishment.

Cheltenham Borough Council will kindly provide access to toilet facilities for my staff use only.

I trust that this addresses some of the key points raised and demonstrates my commitment to operating a respectful, low-impact, community-focused service. I am happy to provide further details as and when requested.

Shakti
Stantons Drive
Swindon Village Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RL

Comments: 14th August 2025

Whilst I do not live adjacent to the proposed location of this 'food outlet', I can sympathise with those who do. It has been well documented in previous comments the negative aspects should this be allowed to go ahead namely.....

Noise and odours from such an installation

Lack of space in for parking at peak school times

Lack of toilet facilities

The litter issue which always comes with these type of food vans

Possible traffic issues with entry and exit to the car park, particularly when Morris Hill railway crossing is closed.

Basically the last thing we need is another fast food outlet when there are already plenty within 500 metres of this site, with adequate parking, toilet and litter facilities. Don't let this application be approved and create an eyesore in our village facility

2 Mill House Drive
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 4RG

Comments: 13th August 2025

Could this application be assessed during term time during the hours of 8:20 - 9:00 and 15:00 - 16:00. When the nursery and school drop off and pick up happens? There have already been near misses with children and cars in that car park adding a cafe to the situation wouldn't be ideal. Yes it may be good during the holidays and weekends but not the term time. When football matches take place cars park all over the place including up swindon lane as the car park fills up.

43 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QH

Comments: 30th August 2025

I notice ***** the vendor has taken the right to reply, from his own comments this siting should be refused due to the decibels stated at under 7m, the desired location puts the generator directly behind the juniors play area and the seats within the area. I also notice from attached consultee comments the parish council have objected but offered consultation with the vendor I assume about using existing infrastructure, although I still feel this small park in a conservation area does not need this facility, surely using current infrastructure should be prioritised over this eye-sore using up valuable parking, having viewed now several of the sites that the supporters have mentioned none are in car parks, most are in existing facilities or purpose built facilities and nearly all operate between 9am -5pm, so why does the vendor wish to operate such a large window and more importantly for these travelling dog walkers and walkers who support and don't even live locally, they already have more than enough green spaces to enjoy a coffee in. Surely we should leave a couple for those who just enjoy a walk.

Comments: 13th August 2025

Planning permission to enhance Swindon village park offering, or an entrepreneurs bank balance.

The entrepreneur has stated this is a quiet village car park, this is anything but the case it is used daily by the parents of Swindon village school and is packed solid at drop off and pick up times, the car park is also so busy many weekends due to the football that cars are often illegally parked on the verges and the pavement outside of the park, causing traffic disruption on an already busy junction due to the railway crossing. Now to the fact you the council are considering granting permission for a street vendor business to have access to a beautiful park (that has not needed this offering in the 30 years that I have lived opposite) the access to 30 free car parking spaces from 7am -6pm Monday- Friday and 8.30am-5pm Saturday and 9am-4pm Sunday as advertised in local media by the vendor but not fully stated in the application, with a very vague innocuous food offering, but has been stated will change in the future to supply what the market requires. How long with this business also being given the vague licence to advertise with 2 A frame boards with no confirmed siting location for these boards, does this unspoilt village park become the equivalent to an all day greasy spoon cafe offering for local traders and local businesses with a beautiful view and free parking, leading to the true users of the park being unable to use the car park. With no toilets again the park has not needed how long before reports of people relieving themselves , and worse unwittingly exposing themselves to dog walkers or worse still children. Then we get to the increase of litter which is already collected on a regular basis I am told by the parish councillors, and I know from experience students doing their DofE award. The location of the proposed siting is also an issue being right beside the junior play area, with potential noise and smell issues to be considered, also I'm sure the location has been chosen for the entrepreneur to discharge his waste down the drain in this corner of the car park, this should not be allowed due to this drain backing up and flooding in heavy rain, and also potential smell issues. I suppose finally and I'm sure I have missed many more issues the fact that this proposed catering wagon looks a right eye sore and is not in keeping with the beautiful park in which it is proposed to sit 7 days a week 365 days a year from the

planning application. I also take issue with the council, having taken a survey of the local residents it appears only residents who overlook the eye sore have received the planning letter and not the whole parish and community that will be effected by this application, I find this an awful derogation of duty to the wider community that use this beauty spot and I may add in a conservation area.

49 Church Road
Swindon Village
Cheltenham
GL51 9QZ

Comments: 16th August 2025

I object to this application on the following material planning grounds:

Highway Safety & Parking (NPPF §111; Cheltenham Local Plan INF1)

- The 30-space car park is already full twice daily during school and nursery pick-ups, and at weekends for sports fixtures. Losing two spaces to a trailer would exacerbate congestion, displace cars onto Wymans Lane (a busy road opposite a railway crossing), and create hazards for children and pedestrians.
- Additional vehicle movements from customers and trailer set-up/take-down further increase safety risks.

Public Health & Amenity (NPPF §185; Local Plan SL1)

- The trailer would sit directly beside the playground and nursery gate, exposing children to cooking smoke, fumes and generator exhaust.
- Fried snacks and baked goods encourage unhealthy eating habits, tempting children walking home from school, nursery, or visiting the playground-contrary to Cheltenham Borough Council's public health aims.

Noise, Litter & Sanitation (NPPF §185; Local Plan SL1)

- Generator noise and congregation of customers would disturb nearby residents and park users.
- With no toilets provided, customers may resort to public urination, adding to sanitation risks.
- No seating or bins are proposed, increasing the likelihood of littering and use of children's play equipment for eating.

Anti-Social & Inappropriate Use of Space (NPPF §92; Local Plan CI1)

- The likely clientele (builders, passing workers, teenage youths) is not appropriate to gather beside a children's playground.
- The park's role as a safe family space would be undermined by commercialisation and unsuitable activity.

Character & Visual Impact (NPPF §130; Local Plan D1)

- The bright-blue catering trailer is visually intrusive and out of keeping with the natural, rural character of Swindon Village Park.
- Commercialisation of this community facility offers little public benefit beyond Council lease income, while harming the amenity of residents and families.

Alternative Provision

- Multiple food outlets (fast food, supermarkets, industrial estate trailers) exist within 5 minutes' drive, all with better infrastructure and facilities. This location is unnecessary and unsustainable.

Conclusion:

This proposal conflicts with NPPF §§92, 111, 130, 185 and Cheltenham Local Plan policies INF1, SL1, D1 and C11. It would cause harm to highway safety, children's health, residential amenity, sanitation, and the character of Swindon Village Park. I therefore respectfully request that the application be refused.

The Grange
Quat Goose Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RX

Comments: 24th August 2025

I would like to strongly object to the catering trailer being installed in Swindon Village park. The area where it is proposed to go is a car park and used for school and nursery parking as well as people coming to enjoy the park.

It is also adjacent to the play area and the children should not be exposed to the fumes and noise of this trailer.

As someone who is involved in litter picking in the area the last thing we need is some from another source!

I trust that this application will be refused.

25 Dark Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RN

Comments: 12th August 2025

This proposal is in a public carpark not a retail site.

Traffic.

Vehicular access is extremely limited at the proposed site with multiple existing users requiring parking and space to manoeuvre safely.

Overspill football player parking on Wymans Lane outside the proposed location already creates danger for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The existing parking space is therefore shown to be inadequate.

Many children walk through here twice a day to school.

The footpath through the park, starting in the carpark, was put in place to allow children to walk safely to school. This proposal goes a long way to negate this.

Young children attending the playgroup will be at risk from traffic caused by this proposal Utility.

There are already 4 catering outlets within 500yards of this location.

Litter is already a problem at this location and this will only make the problem worse.

27 Wymans Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QD

Comments: 13th August 2025

We would like to object to the planning application to install a catering trailer in the car park by Swindon Village Playing Fields.

We live opposite the beautiful and much appreciated green area which is Swindon Playing Fields. The clue is in the name, this is a leisure facility not a retail park.

The installation of a purpose built catering trailer could not in any respect fulfil a local need or demand or enhance the environment. It would in every respect be a nuisance in a residential area.

Existing Food Facilities

The area is already well served by national take away food outlets ie McDonalds, Greg's, Subway etc and at least 2 purpose built catering outlets. Supply already exceeds demand.

It would in fact be hazardous in several respects.

Traffic

Wyman's Lane is a very busy route providing access to several retail parks and to main roads into Cheltenham and to the M5. The volume of traffic, the level crossing, the Pedestrian Crossing, not to mention frequent road works results in congestion particularly in the area around the entrance to the park. There are no yellow lines in place to restrict parking.

Parking Space

There is restricted vehicle space which would be reduced by a catering trailer and queue management barriers.

The parents of school and playgroup children already struggle to park often using pavement and edges. Where would the A frame signs be displayed? Another obstruction?

Health and Safety

Many children use the area to access the play area and school / playgroups their safety could be at risk.

Noise and smell from a generator would be a constant irritation.

The smell of cooking seven days a week from 7:00 am till 6:00 pm!
Who exactly is the targeted customer base at these times?

Increased Litter. There is already a problem in the area from take away in the retail park and fly tipping since the recycling centre closed.

No toilets in the area. The park has been used for this by travellers and race goers.

There are other concerns. How would utilities be accessed? How would the Travellers access to the park be restricted. Presumably the yellow height restriction bar would be removed? The possibility of anti social behaviour.

Would this then set a precedent for other unnecessary vending applications?

Invicta
Swindon Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QQ

Comments: 14th August 2025

Regarding the proposal of a catering trailer in a window playing field car park I consider this to be a terrible idea traffic is already causing long queues forming in this area trying to turn into swindon lane with the railway crossing The car park is regularly full at school drop of times and especially when football is being played with cars parking outside on wymans Lane and swindon lane causing problems for residents lots of children use the park to got to school playgroups and using the swing playing area plus the extra litter this food trailer will generate will be unacceptable litter left in the park and possibly thrown from vehicles on the road and people's gardens I object to this proposal most strongly.

50 Rivelands Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RF

Comments: 15th August 2025

I would love to be able to support this application as I think that a small van to get hot and cold drinks but I can't support this idea. Many of my worries are included by other commenters. One chief worry is the lack of toilet facilities not for the clientèle but for the staff they are suggesting long hours but where would they go which provides hot water for hand washing separate from catering facilities. Where would they place the A frames so they are not a danger to the public if they are placed on Wymans Lane they impact access for push and wheelchairs and could even impact vehicles if they fall. Another thing that worries me is the colour of the van they will be manoeuvring in and out of the

entrance when it's dark in the winter and I am afraid that there could be accidents as drivers may not see the van as it leaves the park.
I wish they gave better details of the food options to enable people to assess how much the smell would be.

3 Tommy Taylors Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 4NR

Comments: 23rd August 2025

I think this would be quite a nice addition to the playing fields really, especially on the school run and weekends. My children no longer attend SVPS but they still use the park. I understand other comments about parking for the school run being carnage already, but I don't think the loss of two spaces in the playing area parking will change this - the road outside the school is the worst, and Seasons have always offered their spaces for parent pick up use and people still ignore that to try and squeeze in closer.
Regarding the offering, I really don't think this will compete with Joe's in Kingsditch for the building trade, and will probably mean that the ice cream van which currently parks illegally and dangerously on the verge outside the play area will now have to move on - maybe a healthier alternative for kids and parents is a good thing.

Beulah
Swindon Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QQ

Comments: 13th August 2025

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Wed, 13 Aug at 16:23

The idea of a catering trailer in the car park in Swindon Village playing field is one of the most absurd applications I have heard off for a long time.

The playing field car park is intended for local residence and to park their cars whilst taking their children to the swing park.

Secondly, the traffic in the immediate vicinity of the playing field car park is always very busy with traffic trying turn up Swindon Lane and large traffic queues forming.

If this proposal goes ahead there will inevitably be traffic incidence occurring on a regular basis.

The amount of litter this catering van will generate will be unacceptable with litter being thrown from parked vehicles into the road and residence front gardens.

There are more suitable places to site this van in the business park because most of the business this van will generate will be from cars and possibly large vehicles.

I object to this proposal most strongly.

65 Church Road
Swindon Village
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RE

Comments: 15th August 2025

All the car parking spaces are full at the beginning and end of the school day and reducing the number available will exacerbate the problem in the surrounding area.

The van and its customers would be adjacent to Mary Godwin under fives and the children's playground.

The barriers that have been installed to prohibit caravans from illegally using the playing field would need to be opened and closed after every entry to keep it secure. Otherwise the council will be in danger of having to fund eviction notices and the subsequent clear up operation as has previously happened.

Litter would increase

There are no toilet facilities nearby.

There are already numerous drinks and cafe facilities within half a mile of the park, nearly all with their own parking and toilet facilities

Traffic on Wymans lane is always busy and the railway barriers cause queuing problems.

6 Quat Goose Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9RX

Comments: 26th August 2025

Dear Sir

I wish to place my objections to the installation of a food vending van by Shire Box at the above address in Wymans Lane.

My neighbour and I have been unable to use the on line details given by our Liberal Democrat Councillor. This would be an unwarranted and inappropriate use in an area already struggling with shortage of parking and where there can be little demand for its usage. In close proximity to a school it is hardly a good idea to promote fast food for children when the issue of obesity is already a concern. In what is a conservation area, we already have a problem with litter from take away outlets .

I am asked by my neighbours in Quat Goose Lane, who also have been attempting without success to place their objections, *****.

Yours faithfully

6 Quat Goose Lane. GL51 9RX

105 Mandarin Way
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 4RS

Comments: 13th August 2025

While it's theoretically a nice idea I'm afraid I object to this application. The car park is already too small for peak demand - school drop off and pick up times, days when the playing fields are in use - and we routinely see dangerous parking on Wyman's Lane as a result. (As a guess this trailer, plus car, plus queuing area, plus the existing hashed area in front of the gate to the field would mean a third of the car park would be unusable for parking, which is it's primary purpose.) This would make that far worse and would potentially displace cars onto Swindon Lane, which creates far more traffic problems and safety issues for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. I'd add that getting into and out of the car park is also challenging, requiring a right turn across a busy road. There are regular snarl-ups as traffic queues from the level crossing on Swindon Lane blocking Wyman's Lane and, again, this could add to the problem. Finally on the safety side, the playground is busy and is used and it's hard to see the kind of increase in car park use that would be required to make a catering trailer viable not resulting in increased risk to the families with young children who make use of the playground, not least as they have to cross the car park entrance if they're coming from Wyman's Brook. From a utility perspective there are already other places to buy take away food close by. As others have noted there are also no toilet facilities. I'd always ask whether the catering van will be selling the healthy meals we would want small children to ask for (since it is right next to the playground!) Finally, there have been many instances over the years of illegal occupation of the field by travellers, leading to the introduction of the two overhead barriers. That risk has not gone away, so my challenge would be to ask how that risk will

continue to be mitigated should one of the barriers be removed to allow for a catering van.

49 Church Road
Swindon Village
GL51 9QZ

Comments: 16th August 2025

I am writing to object to this application as someone who grew up in Swindon Village and who still visits regularly with my two-year-old son to see my mother, who lives in the village. I used this park throughout my own childhood, and it saddens me to think that its character and the healthy, family atmosphere could be damaged by a catering trailer.

The park is already busy with families, nursery children and school pick-ups, and the car park is often full at those times as well as at weekends during football matches. Taking away spaces for a food trailer will only make the situation worse, pushing cars into unsafe spots on Wymans Lane, which is already a dangerous road with the railway crossing nearby.

My biggest concern, though, is for the children. The proposed trailer would sit directly beside the playground and nursery entrance. That means young children will be breathing in cooking fumes and generator exhaust while they play. On top of that, the kind of food being sold - fried snacks, cakes and sugary drinks - will tempt children coming out of school and nursery, undermining parents' efforts to encourage healthy eating.

It also doesn't feel right that the type of people most likely to use the trailer - builders, passing drivers, or groups of teenagers - will be gathering at the entrance to a playground. This will put parents like me off using the park, which should be a safe and welcoming space for families. With no toilets, seating or bins provided, it also raises real concerns about litter and sanitation.

There are already plenty of places to buy food and drink nearby - supermarkets, cafés and fast food outlets all within minutes. The park doesn't need this, and the community certainly doesn't benefit from it. The only thing gained is extra income for the Council at the expense of the health, safety and enjoyment of local families.

For all of these reasons, I believe this is the wrong place for a food trailer and I urge the Council to refuse this application.

20 Church Road
Swindon Village
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QP

Comments: 25th August 2025

I believe this proposal raises several concerns that warrant serious consideration.

Disruption to School Access and Safety - The car park is regularly used by parents and guardians dropping off and collecting children from the nearby nursery and primary school. Introducing a commercial food operation during peak hours risks creating congestion, reducing available parking, and potentially compromising child safety. Increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic around school hours could lead to confusion and unsafe conditions, particularly for younger children.

Undermining Local Community Initiatives - The nearby village hall frequently hosts fundraising events organized by local volunteers, many of which include catering options to support community projects. Allowing a commercial vendor to operate in such close proximity may divert attention and revenue away from these grassroots efforts. These events rely on community participation and goodwill - introducing a competing commercial presence could erode the spirit of local collaboration.

Impact on Park Character and Environment - The park is a cherished green space, and the presence of a catering trailer, signage, and queue barriers would detract from its natural and peaceful setting. Food vending operations often lead to increased litter, noise, and cooking odours, which may disturb park users and wildlife.

Operating Hours and Oversight - Operating from 07:00 to 18:00 daily is a substantial presence in a public park, overlapping with nursery/school and community activities, amplifying the potential for disruption.

The park and its surroundings serve as vital spaces for education, recreation, and community-building - they should not be compromised for commercial gain.

Cornerways
Swindon Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QQ

Comments: 24th August 2025

We agree with many of the comments by other residents and would like to add the following:

1. We have seen some accidents and numerous near misses on the junction of Wymans Lane and Swindon Lane during the last few years. Increased traffic in and out of Swindon Playing Field would only add to that.
2. The overflow of cars from Swindon Playing Field not only park on the grass verges but also on the left hand side of Swindon Lane leading up to the railway track. They often park right up to our driveways which completely blocks our view of any cars coming from Wymans Lane into Swindon Lane thus making it virtually impossible for us to safely pull out of our driveways onto Swindon Lane as we cannot see approaching traffic until it is too late. We do not have the same problem with cars waiting in line for trains as there is no movement of traffic when the gates are down.

23 Drayton Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 9QB

Comments: 25th August 2025

Planning Application Reference: 25/01160/FUL

I wish to submit the following objections to the above application:

a. The car park is a facility for the use of people wishing to use the playing fields, the children's play area and the facilities of the pavilion. It was not provided to be a location for a commercial enterprise to set up and deprive users of these facilities.

b. Increased danger to children.

The presence of the catering trailer will encourage more cars into the park increasing the danger to children during the period that the children will be walking into the park and then on to school through the park.

The children are of infant and primary school age and may not be visible to drivers who will be intent on looking for a space to park and may not notice a small child stepping out in front of them or behind them.

More cars will result in more vehicular movements through the entrance and more manoeuvring within the car park.

Children on foot access the park from the public footpath in Wymans Lane. The pedestrian gate into the park is on the South side of the vehicular access into the park. The problem that this creates is that children have to cross the vehicular access into the park to then gain access to the path through the park.

c. The design and dimensions of the car park are unable to lose such a large area, 7.4m x 6.5m, to facilitate the installation of the proposed catering trailer facility.

The parking spaces are not marked or defined in any way.

The minimum size of car parking spaces is normally 4.8m long x 2.4m wide and the clear zone between head on parking bays is normally 6.0m. The ideal minimum width for the Wymans Lane car park should be 15.6m (4.8 + 6 + 4.8) but, unfortunately, it is only 14.8m. The 0.8m difference may not seem a lot but it makes a considerable difference to pedestrians and to vehicles.

A 1.3m wide tarmac footpath runs along the south edge of the parking area. The footpath is not segregated from the parking spaces by a safety barrier with the result that most of the time the pedestrian footpath is used as an extension to the width of the parking area. Pedestrians and cyclists can find themselves being 'nudged' by a car bumper. Most of the time the ends of parked cars overlap most of the width of the tarmac path.

Over a prolonged period, a narrow mud path has been worn into the earth alongside the tarmac path. This helps but even with the additional width of this unofficial path the path width available to pedestrians is still limited and mothers with buggies and toddlers struggle to use the path and frequently have to use the circulation zone between the parking spaces.

d. Safety issues and preventing the use of the parking spaces when the field access gate is not in use.

The proposed application site is indicated in a location that is opposite the 'Keep Clear' hatching in front of the access gate to the field.

The application site extends into the clear zone between the ends of parking spaces and into the turning area next to the Keep Clear zone. This could reduce the area for maneuvering vehicles and would also, when the field access gate is not in use, it would prevent cars from parking over the 'Keep Clear' zone. Cars park over the 'Keep Clear' zone because it is safer for the cars to be in that location than parking in Wymans Lane where they can cause a problem for pedestrians and road users along Wymans Lane.

e. The application is misleading and inaccurate.

The application is for the static catering trailer only and not for the vehicle that will tow it or for any additional vehicles belonging to staff.

As this is an application for a facility the vehicle spaces that will be required to park vehicles associated with that facility should be included in the application. Vehicles

associated with the catering trailer are on site solely to support the catering facility and not to use the playing field and whilst on site they will be depriving other visitors to the park of those spaces and reduce the number of spaces available.

If a consent is granted it should include a requirement that any vehicles associated with the catering facility must vacate the site.

f. The catering trailer will be occupying much needed parking spaces and the size of the 6.5m depth of the proposed area of operation will impact on the circulation and maneuvering of vehicles.

The Wymans Lane car park is not large and whilst there are periods when the car park has only a few spaces occupied, it is frequently full and it is often inadequate for the number of vehicles wishing to park.

When there are no remaining spaces vehicles will park on the 'keep clear' area in front of the access gate to the field and when all spaces are full vehicles will be parked outside the park fence on either side of the access into the park from the Wymans Lane.

The introduction of the Trailer will worsen the situation.

Activities that create the greatest vehicle numbers often take place after school, in the evenings, on public holidays and at weekends. During the Autumn and Winter months with shorter days activities can start earlier to make the most of the daylight.

The increase in vehicles requiring parking spaces are often the result of parents bringing children to train as well as play in matches and as a result the need for more spaces can commence after school and before 6:00 pm during Monday to Friday and throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.

g. There are also going to be potential safety issues resulting from trying to pack-up a catering trailer and move it off site at a time when there will be a large volume of traffic.

h. The chosen location for the catering trailer would obscure views of one end of the children's play area and would block one of the access points for children to the play area and also block the access for pedestrians onto the field.

This is a safety issue that the trailer would create as it could obscure any views of children within the corner of the play area and screen the access to the play area.

i. The two short paths at each end of the children's play area have an artificial finish to them which is needed to keep children, child buggies, toy scooters and cycles out of the mud of the field. It is important that visitors to the park with small children who wish to access the playing area can see and have access to the two short paths.

There is a muddy margin between the proposed catering trailer site and the fence enclosing the play area. The margin will need to be properly surfaced with a free draining finish if the permission granted.

Paving the margin should be short path that will be hidden and become inaccessible if a catering trailer is installed.

j. The catering trailer should not encourage children to purchase their food from such facilities.

The covering letter mentions collaborating with nearby schools. There is only one and it is unlikely that children that are of infant and junior school age will be allowed to cross the road, walk through the park and buy their snacks and dinners from a catering trailer.

Historically councils have been against encouraging children's reliance on external catering facilities of any kind. Children should be catered for on the premises.

k. Dangers created by the increase in the number of parents cars using Wymans Lane car park to be able to have access the catering trailer when dropping off their child.

Many children and their parents walk to and from the school through the Wymans Lane car park area. Some parents will drive, park and then walk with their children to and from the school. With an increase in the number of cars during adverse weather conditions.

However, many parents drive and park in Church Road, Quat Goose Lane and the Village Hall car park. If those parents are attracted to the catering trailer, to buy a beverage, the increase in the number of cars would add to the vehicles accessing and egressing the Wymans Lane parking area with the potential of adding to the chaos in Wymans Lane and to the traffic issues at the junction of Wymans Lane with Swindon Lane when the barriers on the level crossing in Swindon Lane are down.

l. Detrimental Impact on Site Security and Potential of Removing the Protection of park from occupation by illegal travellers, caravans and the like.

The height of the catering trailer noted in the submitted sheet of measurements is 2.47 metres which is too tall to pass beneath the yellow barrier above the access into the park. The yellow barrier has a clearance of 2.2 metres.

We appreciate that the yellow security barrier is not mentioned in the application but it is much too important in preventing access to illegal caravans, travellers and the like for it not to be a consideration.

The security of the park provided by the yellow barrier must be retained and maintained. The barrier is a very effective deterrent and it should not be revised in any way and there should not be any consideration given to increasing the clearance below the barrier.

The catering trailer will require the barrier to be opened and locked closed after access has been given and also unlocked and locked closed following egress from the site.

Who is going to ensure that this very important security measure is maintained and that it is locked?

m. There is insufficient information provided for people wishing to view and comment on the application and the possible impact that this proposal may have on park users or how the insertion of a static catering facility would be implemented.

The Cheltenham Borough Council - Street Trading Licensing Policy does not provide enough information to enable the application to be considered and as a result more guidance needs to be provided prior to the application being considered.

People viewing the details of this proposal should be informed on how the occupation of an area of the car park is to be retained solely for the use of the catering trailer?

- The application is for a static catering trailer which is to occupy a specific area of the car park during the hours stated on the application. When the trailer is removed it is assumed that the car parking spaces will be available for public use?
- Would the planning consent and/or the license only allow them to occupy and operate from that specific area of the car park but only if it is available?
- If the trailer arrives in the morning and the spaces are occupied by vehicles what action can the applicants or Cheltenham Borough take?

The design, dimensions and layout of the car park would not support a 6.5m deep trading site being set-up in any other location within the car park.

- Will the applicants require an additional permission to allow them to occupy other areas of the car park, if the specific area is not available?
- If no other vehicles, other than the catering trailer, are allowed to occupy those spaces during the permitted hours for which the application is granted, will a sign be erected to confirm this?
- If the trailer catering operator goes on holiday, or doesn't turn up for a number of reasons resulting in the spaces being vacant, will a notice be put up stating that the spaces can be used?
- When exiting the identified location are the applicants permitted to secure the spaces in any way for the following day thus preventing the spaces from being used when the trailer is not on site?

n. During race week the presence of the catering trailer may attract race-going drivers into the parking area where they may then decide to leave their cars and walk to the race course.

If the application is approved it should not be allowed to operate during those periods when there is racing at Cheltenham race course.

o. There aren't any toilet facilities on the site for the use of staff or customers

Please confirm what the arrangements have been made?

A portable toilet unit would not be acceptable.

p. Seating and People Sitting Cars whilst they consume food and drink:

During busy periods drivers that are not intending to use the field or take part in activities on the field will occupy parking spaces.

There is no indication of seating or tables. Please confirm that seats and tables are not going to be included in the set up.

q. The proposed area would be over a gulley that should be kept clear. It is also important that no waste from the catering trailer is connected to gulley or poured down any of the gullies.

r. Waste Bins Should be Indicated and a Waste Management proposal should be submitted for comment.

The use of the Park bins should be discouraged.

s. Advertising Boards

It is noted that all advertising will be contained within the boundaries of the proposed site.

Please confirm that there will not be any approvals given at a later date for signage along any of the roads, in the Village Hall car park, or in the entrance to the site from Wymans Lane.

t. Unnecessary facility in a sensitive location

There are a large number of food outlets to choose from within a short distance of the area (fast food, in-store cafés, industrial estate trailers, cafes in builders merchants, coffee outlets,) some within a 5 or 10 minute walk.

u. This will not enhance the visual appearance of the proposed location or the wider area.

v. Nuisance caused by smells in close proximity to the Childrens Play Area.

I therefore request that the application be refused.

Kind regards

West View
Blacksmith Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 5JA

Comments: 19th August 2025

Montpellier - Garden Cafe

Prestbury - whiskers cafe

Naunton -Cafe@Naunton

Hatherley - Cobo Coffee

Pittville - The Boat House, The Kiosk and Central cross cafe

Cox's Meadow - The Meadow Cafe

The Burrows - Dug out cafe

To name but a few. What is a Park without these facilities? People like a coffee, cold drinks and snacks etc. It's almost expected as a service.

There are very few parks without these facilities. Why should Swindon Playing field miss out on what clearly everyone wants?

For some parents it may be their 5 minutes of peace with a beverage. Restoring their sanity!