

I would like to state my concerns and objections in regards to the application for Burnley Bargains Basement 54 Church Street, Burnley, BB11 2DL.

As you know I lease the car park situated behind Coach and Horses. The car park is adjacent to 54 Church Street, Burnley, BB11 2DL.

My main concern is how a business which is open to the public is going to carry out business without a car park.

The only room the basement has is outside the property and that is a public highway. Vehicles can not park there. The land outside the basement is only for manoeuvring vehicles and right of way for the car park.

If permission is granted there are going to be a lot of delivery vehicles attending that are going to be blocking the car park and this means that my taxi vehicles will be blocked in.

There wasn't a problem with previous business as they used the inside of the premises for customers to park the car.

I don't understand how they are going to have deliveries or large vehicles or even customer parking when there is nowhere available for them to park.

Currently my car park is open space. I have spoken to the owners of 48, 50 and 52 Church street who have given me permission to fence the park and to put signs up showing that the car park is only permissible for taxi parking.

Council planning for taxi business states that any vehicle running from a taxi premises should park the vehicle in car park when it's not in use. Because the entrance of the car park is parallel to the end of the basement there is going to be a big problem with access to and from the car park. I think the council should refuse the application as it is going to cause a big problem for access to my car park and also the running of my business. If any problems do occur then council is responsible.

We already had arguments with the owner of Burnley Bargains Foods about the owner of the car park and I think the best way going forward is to fence the car park. Once the fencing is put in place there won't be any room for him to park one car.

I would like the council to meet me and allow me to show you my concerns so you have a better understanding.

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Burnley & Crown Taxis