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Dear Neighbour & Ettington Residents

### **FUTURE USE OF OLD POST OFFICE & STORES at 29 BANBURY ROAD**

When we made the application to convert the premises situated at 6 Banbury road from a residence to a shop and tearoom, we set out that the Old Shop premises at 29 Banbury road was not suitable for use as a retail site, category A1 – Shop/Post Office.

This by implication made it clear that the Old Shop / Post Office site would be used for residential purposes only.

We have recently made a planning application to convert the area previously used as the Post Office & Stores to residential with some minor changes to the frontage. These changes could only be minor due to the Grade 2 Listing of the building.

After extensive communication and a meeting with Planning Officers we have been advised that they will not validate our application as we have not marketed the premises for A1 retail use. It is their view that as the village will be losing a site with A1 retail approved use the village will be deprived of this facility should its usage be changed to residential. The premises has a licence to supply Alcohol and this licence would continue if it stays A1 category retail use.

We are against this for the reasons made in the application to move the shop, i.e Access via steep steps, no disabled access, only on street parking and others. Our main objection is driven by the fact that the property is our residence and we do not want to have another party running a retail business in our house.

We are thus compelled by the Planning Officers' requirements to **Market the property for A1 Retail usage** for a period of 6 months.

It is for this reason we are writing to you as we believe this doesn't only affect us but those residences in the vicinity as this is not what we said would happen and we would like to know what your views are?

It would be helpful if we could have your opinion on the future usage of 29 Banbury road in writing. You can send your letter by email to [Ettington@sparcmg.com](mailto:Ettington@sparcmg.com) or drop off at the shop at 6 Banbury Road.

Yours sincerely

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