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To: Licensing <Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: Flower Stall at Millfield Lane

Dear Mr Broome,

Thank you for the letter I received on July 31st regarding the application for an annual street trading permit for the flower stall at the top of Millfield Lane, and for giving the residents the opportunity to give their opinions. Personally I cannot understand why only a handful of residents were sent the letter, because the traffic problems caused by inconsiderate customers parking randomly right across the access to the lane affects all users of the lane, not just the first few properties. When heavy lorries, construction vehicles, delivery vans, farm vehicles and cars are driving up and down the lane any traffic parked near the top of the lane causes problems, not just those who park across the access. This is a typical example of the parking we get across the access.

There have been numerous occasions when people coming into the lane are met by cars and lorries passing vehicles parked just inside the access, causing them to stop abruptly on the main road to allow the oncoming vehicles to get out before they can get in. It is an accident waiting to happen. My son has conducted a vehicle counting exercise with his gate cameras on several occasions over the past two years, and Millfield Lane can regularly get anything between 60-90 vehicles (120-180 journeys in and out) per day.

May I offer a suggestion which I think may help solve the problem? If the stall was moved to the opposite end of the property, where there is a double driveway into the main entrance to Shepherd's Cottage, cars stopping to purchase flowers would be parked well away from the access to the lane, thus reducing the chance of collision with traffic coming in and out of the lane.

I have absolutely no objection to the stall being at the property. Having fresh flowers and plants available, plus the added bonus of having floral arrangements, wedding and funeral flowers provided, and workshops providing the chance for customers to make their own wreaths etc is a great asset to the village, but there does need to be changes made to how and where customers park before there is a major accident at the top of the lane, which is, after all, only a public bridleway, and NOT a public byway.



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