

DC/23/0735/FUL | Planning application - food to go pod and associated forecourt works (following demolition of car wash, jet wash machine and plant room) | Haverhill Service Station Sturmer Road Haverhill Suffolk CB9 7UU

Further comments by Ward Councillor Tony Brown 27/6/24

I still object to this proposal as nothing has been done to mitigate my concerns re the fuel Tanker operation

Fuel Tankers up to 16m in length unload at the existing service station

The tanker parks alongside the fuel tanks in a north south direction next to the fuel tanks I have personally seen this on numerous occasions over the years. **I have attached a sketch of the tanker in its normal unloading position.** I have only ever seen the tanker using the position as shown in the drawing to unload

When the fuel tanker is unloading, I do not see how vehicles will be able to enter and exit the proposed new forecourt area and food to go pod . The Tanker operation already causes considerable disruption to the existing forecourt when unloading

The Tanker parks nose in while unloading so has to either reverse out on to the main road or undertake a complex manoeuvre to try and turn round to exit

My other concern is that the exit alongside pump 8 is narrow for another vehicle to get past. The amended diagram showing vans passing another van refuelling at pump 8 is wishful thinking. Vans and cars very rarely park close to the pump as shown in the drawing as people need a gap to use the pump and access their fuel filler cap. I would say that is extremely fanciful thinking, I am sure if you review the garage CCTV at peak usage times you will see that there is rarely enough room for a vehicle to pass a vehicle using pump 8, I would also review CCTV of the tanker unloading/ site exit operation

The Sensible and safe solution would be to have an exit/ entrance to the new facility from Coupals Close