FOREST
NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL

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please reply to:
The Clerk
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Dear Sirs,

Re. S106/25/0013 - Amendment to the wording of Schedule 14 of the legal agreement under DC/16/1677 in relation to the definition of Retail Floorspace for the Mowbray Development Site

Forest Neighbourhood Council has recently been made aware of the above application and as one of Horsham Town stakeholders is surprised that it was not directly consulted on this amendment.

One of the conditions attached to the original planning permission was that the commercial space at Mowbray should not have any impact on Horsham Town Centre. It did not include a major retail park and was not designed to cope with the potential increase in traffic that would result. There is a substantial difference between the gross square metreage and the net square metreage.

This proposed change of use would allow almost unrestricted use of space and for this reason, Forest Neighbourhood Council **must object** to this amendment, It would present a significant risk to the viability of Horsham Town Centre which is contrary to the long-standing **Town Centre First Policy**. Plus, the amendment is not giving any consideration to "green and sustainable" transportation, e.g. public transport (train and bus) and safe cycle and pedestrian access.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk on behalf of Forest Neighbourhood Council