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**Subject:** Beeches Restaurant, Marsh Lane 00258 & 02259

Dear Ian,

**PL/2022/02258/PPFL | Retrospective application for the erection of a paved patio area, including changes in levels and erection of retaining walls. | Beeches Restaurant Marsh Lane Hampton In Arden Solihull B92 0AH**

**PL/2022/02259/LBC | Retrospective application for the erection of a paved patio area, including changes in levels and erection of retaining walls. | Beeches Restaurant Marsh Lane Hampton In Arden Solihull B92 0AH**

The Parish Council (PC) notes that these retrospective planning applications have not yet been decided. Following the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 24 May, the PC wishes to take this opportunity of passing on both our and local residents concerns, expressed at that meeting, relating to the increase in covers (capacity) that this application represents and the significant impact of that increase on car parking in the locality. The premises, now open as *Soho Tavern*, is located off Marsh Lane next to Fentham Hall, in an area where a doctor's surgery, and an office/meeting room are also located.

There are occasions when all of the various establishments bordering the car park have visitors/events and in addition there is an area specifically allocated for the occupants of Crocketts Court to access their garages. It does not leave much to the imagination to see what chaos has resulted from vehicles attempting to park, having to manoeuvre, to leave the car park because it is full, others trying to enter etc.

Being a new venue, it is proving extremely popular, resulting in severe car parking issues not only in the carpark itself but vehicles are spilling out onto local roads, particularly Marsh Lane and Fentham Road, both of which are quite narrow in places resulting in cars being half parked on the pavements and on corners of junctions. Regrettably this has resulted in a few unfortunate episodes of anti-social

behaviour.

We understand that a booking system is not currently operating at the venue, so the regulating of customer is currently impossible but understand that one is currently being investigated.

We note that SMBC Highways advised, in November 2022, that they had no concerns but since the opening of the venue a considerable number of complaints concerning the parking and pedestrian safety issues have been made.

Kind regards.



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