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The following is a comment on application '**P171686/F**' by '**E McDonald**'

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment:

While it should be emphasised that the reinstatement of the public house/restaurant/shop would be a beneficial change to the village and surrounding area, some caution must be placed around associated 'shiny' additions that lull local residents into thinking that change, at any cost, must occur.

The benefits of a pub, a restaurant and a shop in a village is hard to argue against, but the impacts of throwing in a commercial development which includes a cinema and soft play building may be harder to quantify. Planners must think carefully about the impacts of traffic, noise, smells and the constant shrieking of small children who land in the soft play ball-pit too hard.

In line with Policy RA6 the development should take into consideration any potential adverse impacts on local residents. Commercial waste, extra noise and added traffic will all impact on local neighbours, some who have lived in the village for many years.

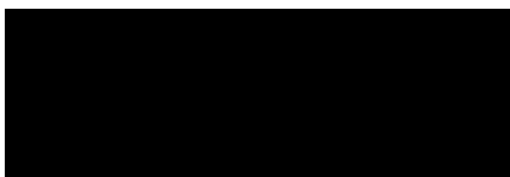
The viability of the development must also be considered. The loss of rural pubs has been widely felt but as soft play centres are car-centred, the direct benefits to local people will be transient. Building a massive car park for coaches and posh cars is one thing, proving the long-term viability which ties-in with a small village is something very different.

Oh and by the way, soft play is not 'child care'.

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