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Submission: Objection
Comments: Myddleton Road is a shopping street, set in a conservation area. In recent years there has been an upturn in interest in reviving the street as a thriving retail location. In the past 3 years a new restaurant/cafe, three deli/food stores and two furniture/homewares shops have opened adding new and vibrant businesses to the street. There is potential for this to continue, given a high demand from residents for shops and service in the area (see http://www.bowesandbounds.org/forum/topics/we-love-myddleton-road-survey-results).

One barrier on new businesses is suitable retail space. Many units have either been converted entirely to residental (which is unsuitable for a shopping street), partially to residential leaving a retail unit which is too small to be usable or seemingly empty but owned by absentee landlords who have little interest or engagement in the area. An example of this is La Coppia at 135 Myddleton Road, which would benefit from a larger shop unit.

For these reasons I object to the planning application to reduce the potential retail space on Myddleton Road and create a retail unit too small for credible business use.