

Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Purpose: This briefing note was as a result of discussion at the meeting of this Committee on 3 July 2014.

Mixed Use of A3 (restaurant) and A5 (takeaways)

In terms of A3 restaurant uses and when they are restaurant uses and when they become a mixed use of A3 (restaurant) and A5 (take aways). This is traditionally a matter of fact and degree. Many restaurants offer a limited take away service, but their core business is A3 and they are not considered to be a mixed use in planning terms. It is as the extent of the take away element increases that there is a movement towards a formal mixed use or even a primary A5 use. This could include there being a specific take away hatch or area (such as can be seen in Pizza Hut at Dickens World). Reference is also made to the area of the premises and the proportion of space for food preparation compared to designated customer seating space and also the number of tables and chairs provided for customer use.

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