

Cuxton Parish Council Response to:

MC/23/2618 | Change of use from barbers (Class E) to office for use as a taxi company (Sui Generis) | 39B Bush Road Cuxton Rochester Medway ME2 1LP



**Cuxton Parish Council object to this planning application on several grounds:**

### **1. Increased vehicle movements / lack of parking**

Whilst the application states that no vehicles will be kept at the office. Drivers will have to attend the office periodically for employment reasons and may choose to do so more frequently for social reasons, which will increase the traffic movements / parking issues in this locality.

We are informed there will be three people employed in the taxi office, however there is no listing of the number of drivers who will be using this facility or how often they will need to attend the office. This is an important point to be considered against the application because of the maximum traffic generated from this one activity.

Bush Road has very little on-street parking, and what little it does have is desperately needed by the residents of the terraced housing next to this unit. Likewise, the adjacent May Street is a very narrow road with Victorian terraces all the way down both sides. It is notoriously difficult for residents to park here already.

Whilst the proposal mentions a car park at the rear, this is already usually full and often parked cars block the entrance. There is not enough allocated parking here to accommodate even the 3 office workers proposed.

### **2. Noise Disturbance**

The acoustic environment here is a residential street. The unit has private residences both attached to the left, and above.

No mention has been made of noise abatement within the unit, which is concerning given the nature of a taxi office with constant telephone ringing throughout the extended opening hours.

### **3. Impact upon the amenity of neighbouring residents.**

The neighbouring business unit is only open during commercial hours, as were all businesses previously in this unit.

The proposed hours for this business are Monday to Thursday – 7am to 11.30pm, Friday & Saturday – 7am to 1.00am and Sunday – 8am to 10pm, so the activity associated with this office will start early and finish late every day. In some cases, very late, which will clearly have a negative impact upon the amenity of neighbouring residents.