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Dear Planning and Building Control Directorate,

I am writing to object to part of Planning Application: 21/00827/B, being the conversion from a retail/leisure to a restaurant (class 1.3) of Villa Marina Colonnade Unit 1-3 Villa Marina Arcade Douglas Isle of Man IM1 2HN.

Specifically, I am concerned about, and oppose the apparent proposal to remove the public right-of-way to the undercover colonnade area in front of the site.


Currently, pedestrians are able to – and often do – walk through the undercover area, unimpeded. Closing off the area as appears to be shown and described in the planning application (see next page) would appear to unreasonably restrict pedestrian movements.

By contrast, a reasonable compromise can, and should, be made along similar lines to what currently exists outside the Café Villa next door. Pedestrians are able to freely walk through the area (undercover) while customers can enjoy a tea, coffee, sandwich or ice cream¹.

Consequently, I ask that the planning committee reject the installation of permanent barriers which unreasonable restrict pedestrian movement through the undercover walkway.

Thank you for giving this request all due consideration.

Yours sincerely,


MICHAEL JOSEM

¹ I prefer the ice cream, personally!

Apparent proposed closure of public throughfare



Comparison of current and proposed floor plans which appears to show the public throughfare to be closed.

