

Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me.

Just to re-cap from our conversation on Wednesday...I'm a local of the Surrey Hills, having lived in the area for almost ten years and resident in Shere for over two years now. My wife, two small children and I live in the centre of the village.

We love living here.

Through my business, The Italian Kitchen, I have been selling wood fired pizza at festivals such as Glastonbury, and other events, for over a decade. We hold all the appropriate food safety certificates, public liability insurance and a 5 star food rating from our local EHO department. I have excellent relationships with all the festival organisers I have worked with.

I propose putting our wood-fired pizza food truck/trailer right at the top of the gravel car park where there is ample space, alongside Shere recreation grounds, trading Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings 3pm until 9pm.

There are little to no takeaway options for our village, and for those who live around Shere. I think the community would benefit from being able to go to an open space to collect a really delicious wood fired pizza and take it home with them. Most would walk from their homes. But this is not just about feeding people; food never is. It will also be something which brings the community a little closer together - while following current social distancing measures - and would hopefully bring some joy - something we all surely need. I've done a bit of research locally and have received positive responses from everyone I have spoken to.

Obviously with the current pandemic, and uncertain conditions as they now stand, this is not the right time to go into this venture (even though I understand it would be allowed by the government guidelines). But as we come out of the strict social distancing measures over the coming weeks and months, I would welcome this opportunity, even if only initially on a trial basis to see how it works out.

As you mentioned you have a meeting scheduled in early May. I hope you will consider this with the councillors. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any more details for the meeting.

Kind regards,

Dorian Delap