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Dear Janet

I am writing to ask you to consider changing the lay-by close to the junction on Manor Lane and Manor Way shown in Appendix 1 to a "consent" area to allow me to trade a catering trailer. We recognise the lay-by is marked with restrictions 8 -9.30 am, Would it be possible to lift these restrictions so I could trade 6 am onwards this would stop me having to relocate for one and half hours.

I am a local resident (appendix 2) and have undertaken some informal market research and it appears that there is a need for such amenities in the local area. I asked drivers stopping at the lay-by throughout the day their views.

General comments were:-

- Overnight lorry drivers would welcome the ability to acquire early morning tea and breakfast before starting the new day.
- Motorway drivers thought it would be good to have ability to purchase hot food before getting on to the motorway and the extra expense that usually go with motorway services.
- Morning commuters into Birmingham would also like to ability to get drinks/food on way into work.

The lay-by is 3 miles from the nearest other mobile catering facility which is situated in a lay-by on the same road (A456) which also has a mobile florist in the opposite lay-by (Appendix 3). There is little in the way of other catering facilities for commuters and hauliers in this area, the Little Chef opposite the lay-by has been closed for a considerable time.

The lay-by is situated close to a light controlled junction that creates natural breaks in traffic to allow easy entry and exit for commuters. The lay-by is not in the immediate vicinity of any residential area and is the last opportunity for refreshments before joining the motorway. I do not believe a catering trailer would create any extra noise to that already being generated by the traffic. I would also commit to ensure that the lay-by was maintained by ensuring more than adequate management of waste including commitments to recycling initiatives and cleanliness. The trailer would be housed overnight on my drive.

I would like to support my application by providing a little background on myself and the reasons I would like to undertake this enterprise. I am currently working with my father-in-law; we run our own tail-lift fitting business which gives me good awareness of working within current regulations and legislation. I was a Health and Safety representative for 3 years whilst working at Land Rover, ensuring safe working practices. The downturn in the economy has put pressure on our business, and ever since qualifying as a chef a number of years ago, I have wanted to run my own catering business. This is the ideal time for me to pursue this opportunity. I would also endeavour to source all materials from local providers to reinvest in the local economy. I would implement and work to Regulation (EC)852/2004 RE: Requirements for a mobile food business, The food hygiene regulations 2006, Health and safety at work act 1974

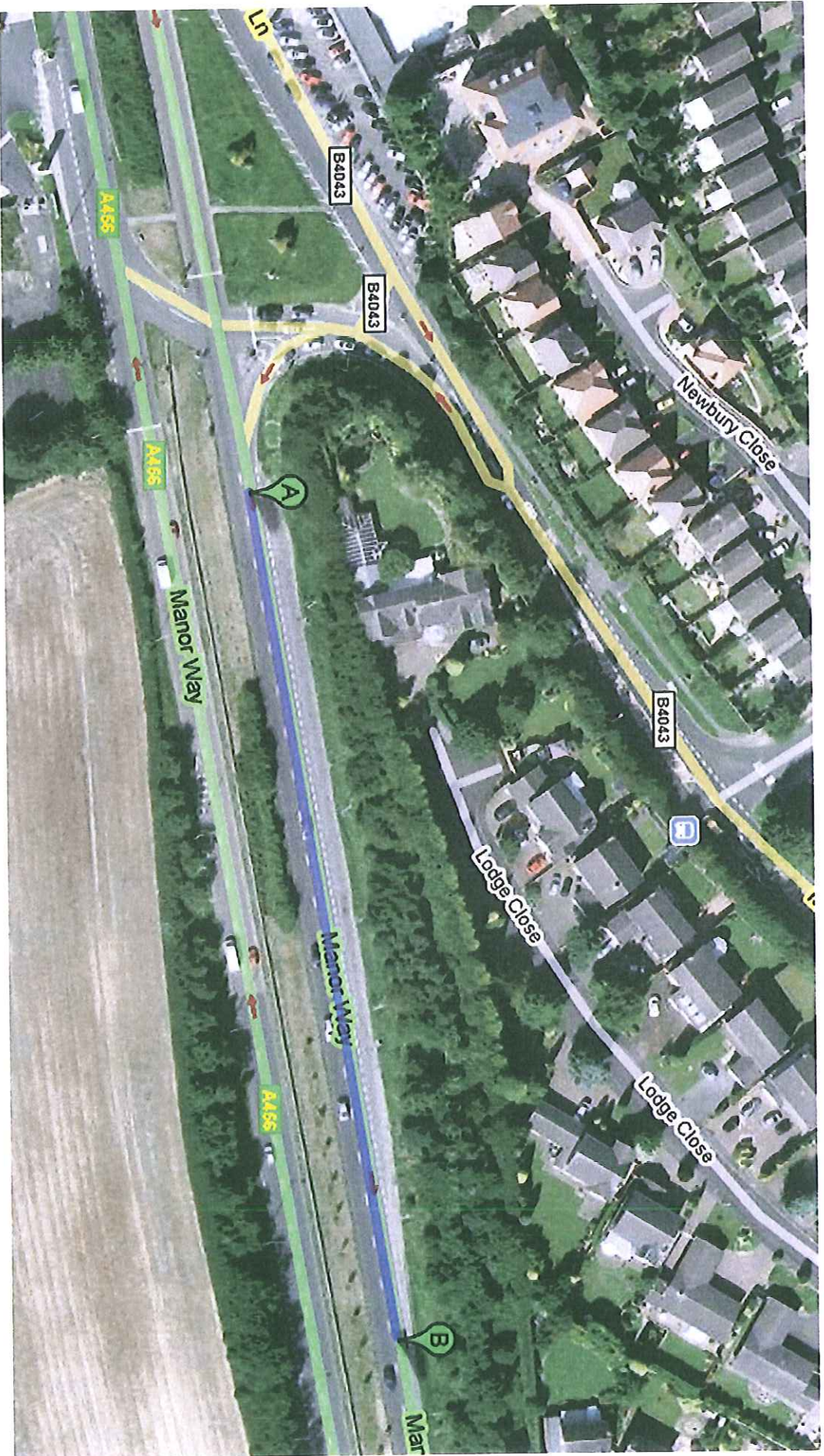
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to clarify anything stated or if you would like to see any references.

Yours faithfully

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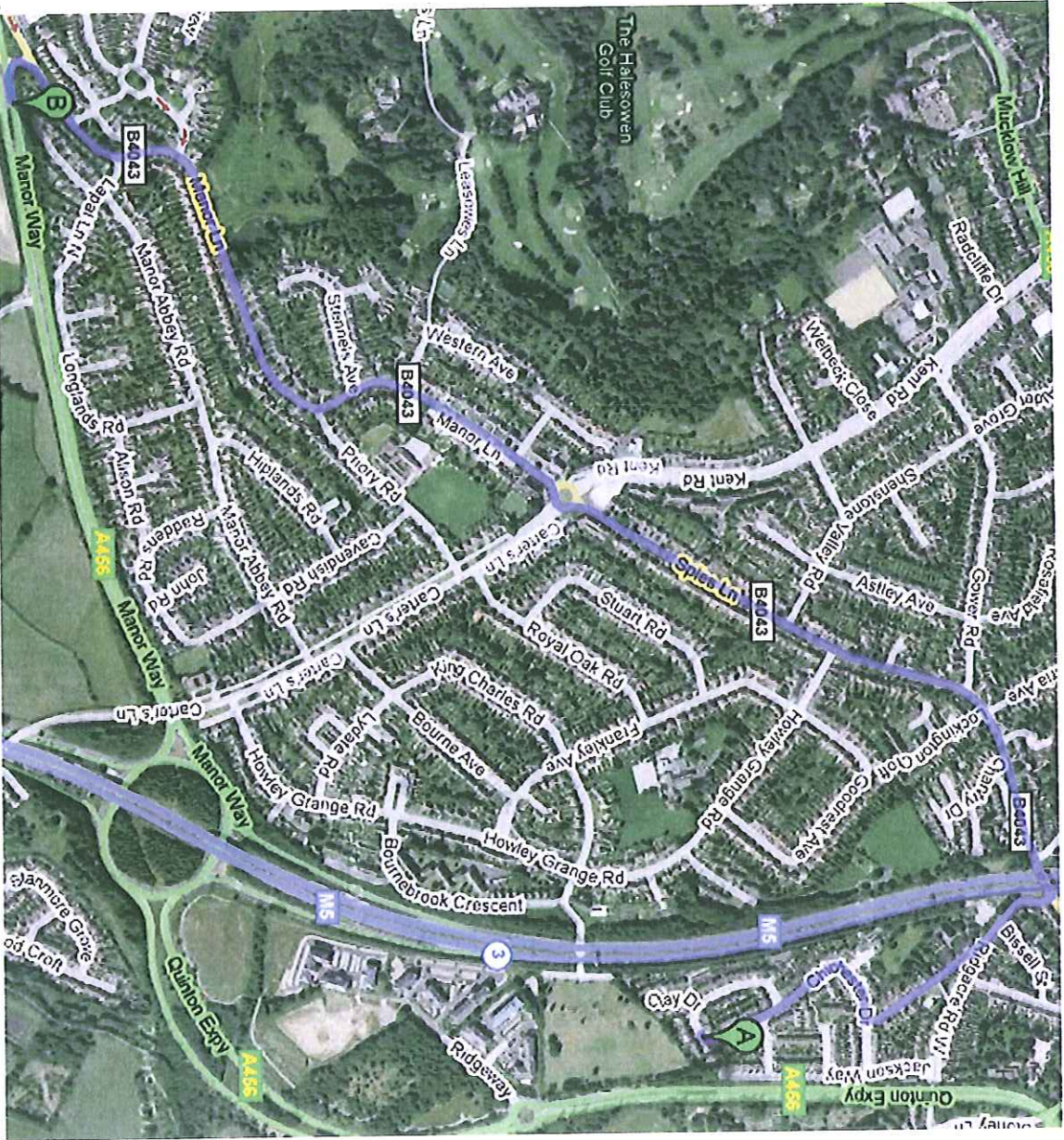
Appendix 1 – Lay-by Location

Lay-by is close to the junction of Manor Lane and Manor Way marked by point A and B and is approx 200 m long



Appendix 2 – Home to Lay-by Map

Distance to lay-by is 2.5 miles from my house



Appendix 3 – Closest Catering Trailer – Directions

Closest catering trailer on the A456 is marked by point A, requested location is point B, 3 miles away

