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Hello Emma,

I am writing to raise my objections to the licence application WK/2023324648, specifically the extension of licensing hours under section 15 of 21 of the application, selling and supplying alcohol over a 24 hour period.

The filling station attracts a wide range of visitors for a number of different services and is very useful and handy for those passing through and local residents alike. The store is already permitted to sell alcohol until 11 PM and I cannot see any good reason why this should be extended into what are largely considered to be the 'silent hours'.

The store is located in a largely residential area and is in close proximity to pubs, takeaways and restaurants all of which are closed by 11 PM. This time is generally accepted as the time when licensed hours cease and there can be no good reason to make a service station on the outskirts of the town centre and in a residential area a focus for those who wish to continue consuming alcohol. The store does not provide an area to drink the alcohol so it can only be assumed that it will be carried out into the local area. Some of the areas surrounding the store are, I believe, designated as areas where alcohol can not be consumed.

The store has a car wash area to the rear and is then straight onto a private unlit lane. Being a resident of this lane there are already occasions when small groups gather in the evening by the wall at the bottom end of the lane that leads onto the yellow hatched area on the station's forecourt. There is often debris and litter left in this area which we, the local residents, are left to clean up. An extension of licensed hours will undoubtedly lead to an increase in such activity with more noise late at night and more littering.

in short, I consider that there is absolutely no good reason to extend the licensed hours of this store and any extension can only lead to unnecessary antisocial activity and unwelcome disturbance to local residents in this residential area.

Thank you.