

Appendix D: Emails of valid objections received during the consultation period.

OBJECTION 1

I would like to formally object to the planning application by the owners of the filling station to extend licensing hours for the sale of alcohol and presumably fuel on the site to midnight, 7 days per week.

We are in a residential area that already has a number of "off-Licence" premises as well as pubs. Our locality has become increasingly blighted by on-street drinking and the unwelcome disposal of empty bottles (often spirits) and cans (of beer) on the street. Our streets can also be noisy late at night arising from groups congregating. I am certainly anxious at times arriving back late in such situations. This constitutes public nuisance (and it is largely residents who remove the waste).

The application does not seem to be about the core business of the filling station; namely, fuel sales. The extended hours are simply about alcohol sales and "late-night refreshments".

With regard to crime and disorder, our neighbourhood, particularly at the weekend, attracts a number of potentially illegal activities. We know that drug sales take place in secluded spots around St Andrews Square and Brook Street. Whilst drugs are not a factor in this licence decision, it may compound residents' existing issues (for the sake of one more alcohol-selling outlet).

Kindest regards,

OBJECTION 2

I am write to express my strong objection to the proposed license application for alcohol sales at the petrol station between 6 am and midnight. As a concerned resident of the area, I believe granting such a license would pose significant risks to the community and conflict with the fundamental objectives outlined in the Licensing Act 2003.

In this residential area, we are well served with various pubs and bars which are open up to 1am. We also have a good range of off licences serving alcohol until Midnight.

I am aware that the Licensing Act 2003 underscores four paramount licensing objectives, each deemed of equal importance: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.

The alcohol sales hours at the petrol station raise grave concerns regarding preventing public nuisance. The proximity of the petrol station to a Morrisons store, where alcohol is readily available until 10 pm, already presents noise disturbances and safety issues in the area during late hours. Granting a license for alcohol sales until midnight at the petrol station would inevitably exacerbate these problems, disrupting the peace of Queens Road and surrounding residential areas.

Furthermore, the protection of children from harm must not be overlooked. Allowing alcohol sales at the petrol station, especially during extended hours, increases the risk of exposing children to harmful environments. Given that children frequently traverse the area, including routes to and from school, it is imperative to prioritise their safety and well-being by minimising their exposure to alcohol-related activities.

In light of these concerns, it is evident that granting the proposed license would undermine the core objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 and jeopardise the welfare of the local community. Therefore, I urge the Licensing Authority to carefully consider the implications of this application and prioritise the overarching public interest by denying the license for alcohol sales at the Motor Fuel (Morrisons) petrol station.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Further response from;

Thank you for your prompt acknowledgement of my objection. I appreciate your clarification regarding the licensable activities and the distinction between opening hours and licensable activities. Regarding your offer to mediate between myself and the applicant, while I understand the applicant's desire to extend their operating hours, my primary concern remains the potential impact on the local community, including noise disturbances and increased traffic during unsociable hours.

If the applicant could supply assurances or mitigation measures regarding noise control, security, and traffic management during the proposed extended hours, it may alleviate some of my concerns. Additionally, ensuring adequate provisions for litter management and maintaining the overall cleanliness of the premises would be beneficial.

OBJECTION 3

I am writing to make a representation under the licensing act 2003.

As a resident of Queens Road I am objecting to the new proposal put forward to allow Motor Fuel Limited for both licensable activities.

Queens Road already has issues with public nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime & disorder. The change in licensing hours at the Queens Road Service Station (to serve alcohol until 12am 7 days a week) creates a potential concentration of customers leaving premises simultaneously which according to the council's own Licensing Policy is a 'key cause of disorder and disturbance' which can lead to 'peaks of noise and other nuisance' This is to the detriment of the 3rd licensing objective – the prevention of public nuisance. The opening of the garage 24/7 would also increase the potential for light pollution and noise/vibration from the premises (both covered in the council's Licensing Policy) The garage uses a loud tannoy system to communicate with people on the forecourt. In conclusion, we live in a residential area where we are currently able to purchase both alcohol and fuel to a reasonable hour. Any increase in licensing/opening hours would have a detrimental effect on our residential community and would not be socially responsible.

OBJECTION 4

I am writing to object to the application by Motor Fuel Limited at Hastings Queens Road Service Station to sell alcohol between the hours of 0600 and 2400 daily for consumption off the premises and to provide late night refreshment between the hours of 2300 and 2400 daily.

I believe this application undermines more than one of the key principles of the licensing objectives and as such should be refused.

We live on Brook Street and overlook the site and already experience the light and noise pollution this business creates (along with regular antisocial behaviour in the carpark)

We understood this when we purchased the property and the current opening hours of 6am-10.30pm 6 days a week and until 9pm on Sundays are what we consider to be reasonable for such a business in a residential area.

The garage uses an intercom system to communicate with customers at the fuel pumps which we already find problematic and intrusive. We have voiced these concerns with the manager of Morrisons.

How would the applicant deal with the potential for any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour at the premises whilst trying to communicate with customers at the fuel pumps through the intercom?

In this residential area, we are well served with various pubs and bars which are open up to 1am.

We also have a good range of off licences serving alcohol until Midnight.

We regularly see bottles/cans and drug paraphernalia from street drinkers and drug takers in our street and the surrounding area, along with graffiti and other vandalism.

We have also witnessed drug dealing on a regular basis in and around this area.

We believe that this application will further exacerbate public nuisance both in the streets and the car park and is completely unreasonable. We would ask that this application be refused.

Yours sincerely

Supporting evidence sent by



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