

## Representation 1

I am objecting to this on two grounds: public safety and public nuisance. There is genuine concern in the local community about this as there is already evidence young drivers are using the parking hidden away behind the store in the evenings, to engage in unlawful activities as there is no police presence there. Evidence comes from the bin outside the store which in the mornings is full of containers from fast food establishments in the Poole area. It is expected that a fast food company will soon take up the empty site next to the ASDA, where there is planning approval. The combination of this with a 24hour alcohol licence at the ASDA is likely to make the site a destination venue for young people and young racers. This is expected to generate excess noise (Public nuisance issue), but more worryingly a potentially dangerous road situation (Public safety issue) of concern to all who live nearby, as I do. The site is on a dangerous bend on a major road. It is extraordinary anyway that there should be a proposal to sell alcohol to drivers here when most petrol forecourt stores stopped doing it years ago.

*The solicitor has contacted us stating that ASDA is prepared to reduce the hours for alcohol sales and opening to 06.00 to midnight with a terminal hour for late night refreshment being midnight.*

My objection still remains regarding any alcohol sold in the evening hours.

## Representations 2

We object to this application for the following reasons:

### ROAD SAFETY

Red Post Garage is situated in a relatively isolated spot on the main A31. The section of road between Red Post Crossroads and the Botany Bay Inn, upon which the garage is situated, has been the site of several serious and sometimes fatal accidents. There is no street lighting, access to the garage is hazardous and the 40 mph speed limit is often ignored. This area is sparsely populated, and it is doubtful that a catering business of any kind would survive here without a considerable influx of custom from outside. It is likely therefore that a drive through fast food outlet with an alcohol licence will result in a significantly increased volume of traffic along an already difficult stretch of road.

### PUBLIC NUISANCE & CRIME AND DISORDER

The site has a large car park which is already used by youngsters from outside the area who congregate in the evenings to consume the takeaway food they bring with them. If an alcohol licence is granted and the proposed McDonalds food outlet goes ahead, there is a danger that the site will become a 'GoTo' venue which will inevitably result in increased noise, rowdiness, drug taking, littering and, as has been seen in other places, may well attract boy racers. There is a minimal police presence in this area and it would be naïve to presume that the staff employed at McDonalds will have any influence on the behaviour of its customers.

We submit therefore that the granting of an alcohol licence to a 24-hour food outlet at Red Post Garage is wholly inappropriate because it poses a road safety hazard, it could prove a public nuisance and may well result in crime and disorder in what is a peaceful rural area.

## Representation 3

I would like to submit my objection to the proposed extension to licence agreement at the above premises.

I am a resident of Winterborne Zelston and have concerns of public safety and the affect of longer opening hours on the local community.

An increase to deliveries would substantially effect the local area and will cause additional traffic to the village of Winterborne Zelston.

Furthermore with additional traffic in the area through the night is likely to cause a public nuisance to the village of Winterborne Zelston with an increase of noise pollution with the additional deliveries and customers that would be likely with 24 hour trading.

Please take these concerns of disruption, and public safety as my objection.

## Representation 4

We have recently been made aware of the application to provide a McDonald's drive through and dining facilities, along with 24 hour sales of alcohol.

We wish to submit this document as a protest against the proposal and request that such a licence/ permissions are not given in this instance.

Our reasons are as follows

It is our opinion, having witnessed similar out let's in the area, that, particularly in the late evening and nights, the establishment will attract a number of vehicles and youths who will cause a nuisance by way of noise and disturbance to this quiet and rural area.

There are several narrow lanes in the vicinity, which will inevitably attract additional traffic accessing and leaving the proposed McDonalds at unsociable hours. It is our opinion that this will create unnecessary noise and create a hazard to the usual and already necessary traffic on the lanes.

As previously stated, we have observed the detrimental effects of littering from similar establishment not too far away from this location. Unfortunately, it appears that some users of this type of takeaway are unable to be persuaded to dispose of their rubbish in a responsible manner. This will lead to waste being discarded on country lanes/roads, and even agricultural land.

It is therefore our request that this application be refused

*We cannot accept any objections relating to any potential fast food outlet on the site, the objections can only be about the Asda Express that is already in existence.*

*We have received correspondence from Asda stating that they are going to amend their timings, meaning that alcohol sales will only be between 06:00 and Midnight, and the late night refreshment part will cease at midnight also. In this instance, late night refreshment relates to the sale of tea/coffee and hot food like sausage rolls etc.*

*Please let me know if this has alleviated your concerns or if you still wish to continue with the objection. If you do, then you will be sent an invite to the committee hearing once a date has been set.*

Yes, we would still like to register our opposition to the sale of alcohol at this Asda. We feel that the availability of alcohol, even up to the revised time of midnight, will still prove to be a cause, or additional reason towards anti social behaviour and noise issues.

## Representation 5

I would like register my objection to the above licence application.

This will create serious threat to public safety.

The Red Post garage is situated on a narrow and twisting section of the A31.

The road is generally busy. The additional traffic waiting to turn into the premises will cause dangerous holdups and potential accidents (particularly westbound).

It will also create public nuisance in the area.

Winerborne Zelston is a quiet rural village. An establishment selling food and drink 24hours of the day is inappropriate and unwanted locally.

Could you please acknowledge this email.

*Asda have reduced the time that they are requesting to sell alcohol and hot coffee from their store to finish at midnight rather than the 24 hours as first applied for.*

*The highways matters will have been taken into consideration when planning permission was granted for the store and will not be re-considered in a licence application.*

*You have mentioned public nuisance, which is a relevant consideration under the Licensing Act, would you be able to elaborate on the kind of nuisance that will be caused by the sale of alcohol and hot coffee from within the Asda store.*

## Representation 6

### 1. The Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

The Premises together with a 24 Hours McDonalds with a 24 hours Alcohol Licence and Late night refreshment from 23:00 to 05:00 will be a destination venue inviting crime and public disorder, as an Off Licence.

### 2. Public Safety.

The A 31 is a very busy trunk A road, used by a high volume of heavy commercial lorries, retail vehicles & private vehicles, a commercial and holiday route to the South West.

The premises are now a road safety hazard & will become more so, with very limited parking on site, no signage of advanced warnings of services, no clear indication of entry and exit upon the approach and traffic stopping in a live lane with no clear instructions not to obstruct the highway.

The speed limit of 40 mph is not observed by many vehicles National Highways should be consulted.

There is a clear and substantial risk to public safety.

### 3. Public Nuisance.

The premises are now a public nuisance to the residents of Winterborne Zekston, Thompson and Anderson & will become more so with a 24 hours Alcohol Licence and a 24 hours McDonalds The Applicant offers no steps in their Application to prevent public nuisance.

Prior to the current Applicant's user, the premises has never been a 24 hours user premises, previously a Little Chef with limited hours.

The premises are located in a rural area with no street lighting & the existing bright & tall signage is a blight on the area.

*Asda have now reduced the times that they wish to sell alcohol and hot coffee from the existing store to finish at midnight. We cannot take any matters relating to the Highway into account as this was considered during the planning application process. This application relates solely to the exiting Asda store and the sale of alcohol and coffee from within the store, this application does not cover any other area so comments relating to a McDonalds are not relevant to the application. If you would like to expand on the public nuisance that you are currently experiencing and how this will be impacted by the addition of alcohol to Asda then we will be able to take your objection into account.*

My thanks for your advice.

We have nothing further to add.

## Representation 7

We wish to comment and object to this licencing application as this is a generic application

From several Euro Garages owned sites who are undergoing an internal financial restructure to become Asda OnThe Move Garages , who promote the sale of alcohol , and late night hot food and drink , therefore our comments and objections are specific to this actual site

1 This site is only accessible by car , there is no public foot path , or cycle path path) , or any available public transport of any nature , therefore selling alcohol at a petrol station to be consumed off site is in our opinion increase the risk of drink driving and therefore threat to public safety on the busy and already dangerous road . The A31 is a trunk road which heavy goods and International freight drivers are directed , it is a mixed message to be selling alcohol to International lorry drivers who may not be aware of alcohol limits in the UK . The government drink driving campaign is to encourage no alcohol consumption .

2The application mentions CCTV camera on the forecourt in front of the kiosk , to monitor

Any anti social behaviour or crime, which may occur as a result of people visiting this site between 11pm and 5 am for late night refreshments or alcohol sales, however it does not mention the hidden /concealed car park behind the vacant Drive Thru , which would be impossible to see or manage from the kiosk and could put the staff at risk .

3 If late night refreshments are offered both indoors and out , and alcohol sold day and night this means the shop would have to be physically open , (currently staffed for petrol behind a screen at night ) which again would be impossible to manage security by staff , this would encourage this site to become a destination , especially if the drive thru also becomes part of this location and increase traffic , anti social behaviour , and public nuisance in terms of litter , noise /light pollution

4 . The concealed car park , with no CCTV , presents a perfect opportunity for under age drinking , on site as Only 1 person needs ID approval , and staff would not be able to monitor Who was consuming the alcohol , therefore increased risk of harm to children . This activity Is already taking place on a weekend .

There is already a 24 hour licensed garage at Bere Regis , which is minutes away from this site

There are no 24 hour business with shift workers or hospital or students etc , so therefore no requirement for this site . It would be over development of a petrol station with kiosk in this rural location

*Asda have now offered to close the premises at midnight. They have also clarified that the Late Night Refreshment is just for the sale of hot coffee and they would be happy to have a condition on any licence requiring this. They have also already agreed to a police request to ensure that all late-night sales are done from a hatch rather than people having access to the store.*

## Representation 8

We wish to make a formal objection to the application by Euro Garages Limited, Blackburn, for the provision of late night refreshment and the supply of alcohol at the Asda Express Red Post Filling Station, Winterborne Zelston DT11 9EX.

The supply of alcohol coupled with a 24 hour fast food outlet will create a destination venue which will generate noise, disturbance, litter and increased traffic and therefore we strongly object to this application on the grounds that it will cause a public nuisance to the local residents of Winterborne Zelston, Winterborne Thompson, Winterborne Anderson and Huish.

The venue, supplying alcohol and fast food refreshment, will create a road safety hazard with the resulting increase in volume of traffic on the A31 causing a dangerous road situation and therefore we strongly object to this application also on the grounds of public safety. At present, it can be difficult and prolonged getting a large enough gap in the traffic to safely pull out of the side roads, left or right, from Winterborne Zelston and Huish and indeed the filling station. An increase in the volume of traffic on the A31 will considerably worsen that, creating a dangerous road situation compounded by a greater number of vehicles turning into and out of the filling station by stopping in, and turning across, a live lane of traffic. National Highways recognises that vehicles stopping in live lanes on any road creates a risk to life. Most vehicles travel faster along that stretch of the A31 than the 40mph speed limit and there are no signs along the road to give advanced warning of the filling station giving further concern for public safety.

Please note our full objection to the licence application. We seek the Council to ensure the prevention of public nuisance and uphold and protect public safety by rejecting the licence application by Euro Garages Limited, Blackburn.

*> The application we are considering relates solely to sales of alcohol and hot coffee from the existing Asda store and any comments about different outlets are irrelevant and cannot be considered. Asda have now reduced the trading hours for the sale of alcohol and hot coffee to midnight so that is what we are considering now, not a 24-hour licence, they have also offered to have a condition on their licence relating to the Late-Night Refreshment being restricted to just coffee.*

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*> The road safety matters will have been considered when the planning permission was granted and so are not taken into account for a licence application.*

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*> If you could expand on your points relating to the potential nuisance that may occur from the Asda store selling alcohol and hot coffee, then your objection can be considered.*

Thank you for your swift response and for notifying us of the changes to the licence application. I'm afraid we cannot find the amended application on your website and we hope this is not a stealth step-by-step process to further licence applications.

We would still like to make a formal objection to the application by Euro Garages, Blackburn, for the supply of alcohol and hot coffee to midnight at the Asda Express Red Post Filling Station, Winterborne Zelston DT11 9EX.

The supply of alcohol to midnight will create an attractive destination which will generate noise, disturbance and litter and therefore we strongly object to this application on the grounds that it will cause public nuisance to the local residents of Winterborne Zelston,

Winterborne Tomson, Winterborne Anderson and Huish. People will be attracted to the site to buy alcohol and park in the car park, consuming fast food purchased in local towns and taking advantage of the rural location with minimal police presence and low security. This will create noise, disturbance and litter causing public nuisance to nearby residents. I have visited the site a few times over the past weeks and have seen the drinks cans and fast food cartons/packages left in the car park and forecourt. We attach a couple of photos from this last weekend.

Thank you very much for help and we seek the Council to ensure the prevention of public nuisance by rejecting the licence application by Euro Garages Limited, Blackburn.



## Representation 9

I would like to raise my concerns regarding the proposed 24 hour alcohol licence at the Asda Express, Winterborne Zelston.

Those of us in the locale have all welcomed the regeneration of the old Esso garage site with a new fuel station and Asda Express. The convenience and wide provision of goods is extremely useful and we're grateful to the company for reviving a derelict site.

That said, I am very concerned about the proposed 24 hour alcohol licence and have listed my main concerns below:

The licence application states that there will be CCTV coverage within the store and immediately outside it. This would enable Asda to keep tabs on any area they are directly responsible for, however it does not offer any monitoring of the rest of the site. In particular, the car park behind the currently empty restaurant.

It is the remote location of the site that causes me concern. By offering alcohol Asda will undoubtedly attract more customers – specifically those requiring alcohol whilst out driving (a scary enough prospect!) but also those who wish to consume it in a remote location because they can't access or consume it closer to home.

The Winterborne Zelston site has a sizeable, hidden and largely ignored car park at the rear. My worry is that the sale of alcohol will encourage groups of people to the site, who then congregate in the car park. Due to the location, noisy / anti-social behaviour will go unchecked. Asda's CCTV will not cover this area and no one will have responsibility for the car park area and any behaviour therein.

We live in a quiet, remote countryside location with very little police presence and, as a result, any anti-social behaviour will undoubtedly go unchecked, even with raised awareness. As a mum with two small children I am especially worried about the increase in traffic through our village (both during the day and at night from those speeding / making a public nuisance) and the possible harm to local property and human life due to anti-social behaviour.

Should the restaurant ever be filled by a take-away outlet then one can only assume that the location will become a greater attraction for those looking for an isolated spot to congregate. With this comes noise, litter (a huge problem already for us) and, if fuelled by alcohol, reckless driving and behaviour.

If we could guarantee that the car park area would be floodlit, policed and monitored by CCTV 24hours a day then I would feel much happier about the proposed licence. As it is, I feel it will encourage group gatherings, particularly at night, and will undoubtedly cause an increase in bad driving, bad behaviour, litter, noise and bad feeling from all living in the locale.

I hope these objections can be taken into account when the licence application is reviewed.

*The applicants for this licence have now reduced the times for the sale of alcohol and hot coffee to midnight. We cannot take the car park behind the vacant store into consideration when considering this particular application which is just alcohol in the grocery provision and hot coffee. The site behind the store is the responsibility of the site owner as a whole. We can certainly ask Asda to make suggestions about it, but if it is not within their licensed area,*

*and it is not, it cannot be considered as a relevant representation. If you are still concerned now you know that the outlet will be closed at midnight can you let me know, otherwise I will have to discount your representation.*

Thank you for getting back to me. That's good news that the sale time has been reduced, however I am still concerned about the increase in dangerous driving, litter and anti-social behaviour that will inevitably follow, no matter how late the licence runs. If you need me to flesh these concerns out into more coherent and detailed arguments then please let me know.

*If you could flesh them out that will be helpful especially on the litter and anti-social behaviour. The dangerous driving less so as there has historically been a licence for alcohol on that site and it is really a planning issue.*

My main concerns are twofold – an increase in litter and the threat of anti-social behaviour.

We already have a big litter problem along our lanes – we are daily picking up drinks cans (alcoholic and non) from the verges, and I can only see this increasing if Asda were to offer people the opportunity to drink late at night. With an allocated driver and a car full of drinkers it seems inevitable that more empty cans and bottles will find themselves thrown out of windows, causing hazards for people and wildlife.

Equally, with an increase in alcohol consumption comes an increase in anti-social behaviour. We live in a quiet, remote countryside location with very little police presence and, as a result, any anti-social behaviour will undoubtedly go unchecked, even with raised awareness. As a mum with two small children I am especially worried about the increase in traffic through our village (both during the day and at night from those speeding / making a public nuisance) and the possible harm to local property and human life due to anti-social behaviour.

## Representation 10

I would like to raise concerns and object to the application of a 24 hour alcohol licence and the availability of light refreshment between 23.00pm and 5.00am. The granting of these licences will lead to further road safety hazards and more of a public nuisance, it will also lead the way to further proposals of change of use or amendments of use. The garage is on the boundary of a conservation area with the lighting of the garage already causing a public nuisance with light pollution and a danger to road users on the unpoliced 40 mile an hour zone by people pulling in quickly and at the last minute -who are travelling faster the speed limit of the road.

The road is not safe as it is and we do not require any further enhancements to public safety.

*The applicants for this licence have now reduced the times for the sale of alcohol and hot coffee to midnight. The road safety would have been taken into consideration when the planning permission was granted, for which Highways are a consultee. Under the licensing act we cannot re-consider this as Highways are not one of our statutory consultees. This application is merely concerned with adding alcohol to the grocery shelves and having the availability of hot coffee up until midnight. If you are still concerned now you know that the outlet will be closed at midnight can you let me know, otherwise I will have to discount the main part of your representation.*

I would like to proceed with the objection.

With the Bere regis shell garage already having a licence and only a couple of miles away and the proven fact that supermarket garages that sell alcohol actually add to deaths caused by drink driving i think 1 less chance for somebody to purchase it and take it upon themselves to be reckless is a good and positive step forward.

The road is also used by alot of international drivers whose own laws in their country may be less than ours and will see no harm in picking up alcohol after filling up the fuel tank and be on their way with a can in hand.

The back of the unused coffe house on the site is already used by certain members of society who are drinking and taking drugs there so best not encourage them any further.