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Public Protection Office
Central Bedfordshire Council
The Council Office
High Street North
Dunstable
LU6 1LF

Dear Sirs

Re: Changes to 14a Woburn Street, Ampthill

It has come to our attention by way of a notice in the window of the above address that there are plans proposed by Mr Duzgan Yilmaz to re-open the coffee house. The proposal states that they are seeking to open the currently closed coffee house with opening hours of 23:00 – 24:00 Sunday to Thursday and 23:00 – 02:00 on Friday and Saturday. If this is the case we wish to register our concerns regarding the granting of this application.

We live in close proximity to these premises and consider that if this proposal is given the go ahead it will have a detrimental effect on the well being of our family. Living within a country town we expect to have occasional disturbances at unsocial hours and we accept this, but to have another venue open at the hours proposed will exacerbate the problems Ampthill already experiences with anti social behaviour.

It is unclear as to what the premises will be used for but historically we have had personal experience of vandalism to our vehicles and to the outside of our property when there was a kebab van parked in Woburn Street at similar hours to this proposal and we were not alone in suffering this nuisance. The police eventually had the van removed and this nuisance greatly reduced. Our fear is that to introduce a facility with these opening hours will see the return of a problem we worked hard to eradicate.

As we have previously stated, Ampthill has it's fair share of anti social behaviour and the police face an up-hill battle to keep these incidents to a minimum. A facility with these opening hours will exacerbate the problems they are already trying to cope with.

Yours faithfully

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