

Arlesey Road
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Licensing Team
Central Beds Council
Watling House
High Street
Dunstable LU6 1LF

14th February 2019

Ref: Malthouse Petroleum, 67 Arlesey Road, Stotfold
Application to vary licence conditions

Dear Sir,

We moved to this country road property over 20 years ago knowing the garage is NOT a 24 hours a day premises.

We have experienced vandalism late at night by inebriated people, generally young men. Our front wall had part of the top removed; cones were put down the middle of the road and drunks were waving down traffic, and on one occasion a very heavy 2-3 foot cone was thrown over the wall resulting in damage to the tailgate and wing of my car. I foresee that it won't be sober people buying alcohol between midnight and dawn.

I have already reported the problem of light pollution and supplied a photograph to Nicola O'Donnell showing lights shining into the

house. Whilst we accept they are necessary whilst the premises are open, it is not reasonable to have them right throughout the night accompanied by cars stopping and starting, car radios and drunken behaviour.

Regarding the sale of light refreshments, one can only assume it will be those buying alcohol who will need refreshments between midnight and dawn on a road such as this.

Malthouse owns over 150 service stations with many surrounded by retail / industrial units. Here in Stotfold the garage has homes bordering the premises.

Furthermore, for safety reasons we should not be sleeping, yards from the pumps and fuel tanks, when the garage is operating. There is no licence to sell fuel for 24 hours as far as we know and are concerned that will happen in the event the premises alcohol and refreshment licence is approved. Tankers are currently not permitted during the night. We are concerned that may start occurring. Please give these concerns your considerations



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Dear Sir,

Subject - Licence extension etc - to 67 ARLESY
ROAD, STOTFOLD, SG5 4HB.

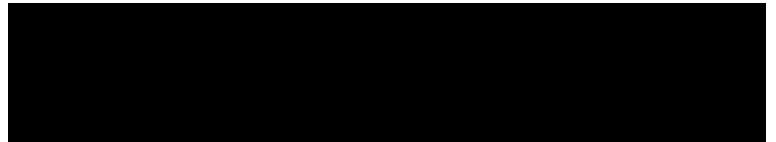
I live ██████████ to the garage and already the sale of alcohol has had a significant effect on our lives. Those purchasing have consumed on the forecourt and in the street. Our front wall has been damaged by drunkers removing the top coving of the wall, being rowdy and using very noisy bad language. Opposite the garage work is currently underway for the new football club facilities including a licensed clubhouse.

There is the Fox & Duck pub about 400 yards on the same side of the road from the garage. It is inevitable that many who have already consumed alcohol will make use of the garage facilities if available and top up!

If the licence is agreed the excessive light pollution caused to our home right through the night, plus noise and debris would be inappropriate for our country road on the outskirts of STOTFOLD.

Please give my concerns your thoughts

Yours Faithfully



Nicola O'Donnell

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 February 2019 12:03
To: Nicola O'Donnell
Subject: Re: Petrol garage Arleseey Road, Stotfold regarding alcohol licence

Hello Nicola,
Thank you for responding.

I was away on business at lot at the time and used a company car, which is why my own car was on the drive. However, my husband thinks he reported it to the police but cannot be sure. He thinks that was the same night the gang caused a problem at No. [REDACTED] and the police attended there. The insurance company paid all bar the excess for the repairs. My husband cannot remember if the other cone problems were reported to the police and rowdy drunken behaviour is not normally reported as getting police coverage here is difficult. The garage was actually robbed a year or so ago and no police would attend I have been informed.

It is not the street lights that are a problem. It is the lights in the garage. At the rear of the forecourt, one at each far corner, they blaze into our home. I will send a separate email showing a photo of the light from our bedroom. We do not object to those being in during the evening. We are reasonable people and staff have to earn a living. However, to be on all night is not acceptable; it would be unreasonable.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

On 5 Feb 2019, at 11:43, Nicola O'Donnell <Nicola.O'Donnell@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Morning Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your email and seek some clarification.

Have complaints been made in the past about the antisocial behaviour?

Please could you also confirm that the street lights that you mention are not currently switched on all night? And you fear that if the application were granted that they will be?

Kind regards

Nicola O'Donnell
Licensing Compliance Officer
Licensing (Public Protection)

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From: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Section@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 February 2019 11:34
To: Nicola ODonnell <Nicola.ODonnell@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Petrol garage Arlesey Road, Stotfold regarding alcohol licence

From: Customer Services <Customer.Services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 January 2019 11:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Licensing Enquiries <Licensing.Section@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Petrol garage Arlesey Road, Stotfold regarding alcohol licence

Good morning
Thank you for contacting Central Bedfordshire Council.

I have passed your concerns to our Licencing team so as they may advise on the application and note your email below.
If we may be of any further help, please contact Customer Services on 0300 300 8307.

Kind Regards

Will Evans
Customer Service Advisor
Customer Services

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 January 2019 11:36
To: Customer Services <Customer.Services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Petrol garage Arlesey Road, Stotfold regarding alcohol licence

Dear sir

Had my neighbour not made me aware of the notice stuck to a lamp post we would not have known about the application shown above, even though we live NEXT door to the garage. This is unacceptable.

Currently the garage is not a 24 hour garage, and should not be as it is in a residential area.

In the past there has been a lot of antisocial behaviour caused by people buying alcohol at the garage, sometimes putting the cones out into the road causing a danger to traffic, rowdy behaviour and the worst was when they threw large cones over our front wall leaving my car needing repairs to the tail gate and back wing.

Furthermore, I have complained to the council regarding the awful light pollution and in the past I have sent photos of the problem from the bedroom. The current lights, which I call football lights as they are high and have great intensity, are not appropriate in a residential area and to have them on ALL NIGHT would be to the detriment of ourselves and others around us. The current lights were not there when we moved in, or they have changed the type of bulbs to being more intense in recent years.

Our quality of life is being reduced by all the building about to occur along the Arlesey Road, the road itself is a race track with nothing to slow the traffic, and now a 24 hours premises is being proposed.

We both avidly oppose this.

If people want to shop between midnight and dawn there is already a 24 hour facility at the Tesco garage on the Shefford bypass and a 24 hour garage at the Baldock Services at the A1 roundabout. Please kindly take our concerns into account.

Your sincerely

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