

**Appendix C19**

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■ The Gardens  
Stotfold  
Bedfordshire  
SG5 4HD

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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE – MALTHURST PETROLEUM  
67 ARLESEY ROAD, STOTFOLD, SG5 4HB**

We strongly disagree with Malthurst Petroleum Limited’s application to be granted the right to vary their premises licence due to the following reasons:

1. Public safety
2. Public nuisance
3. Prevention of crime and disorder
4. Protection of children from harm

This is a residential area and residential properties directly surround three sides of the perimeter of the petrol station. If the application is approved then we will experience a significant increase in light pollution due to the flood lights being constantly on during the night. There will also be significantly increased noise levels from cars being driven in and out the garage, slamming of doors, loud music being played in cars and peoples’ raised voices would also disturb our sleep, and that of local neighbours and their children.

There is not a need for alcohol to be sold beyond the existing hours as this will start attracting and encouraging youths and adults to drink more, or loiter around the area. It is also likely people would be travelling from the surrounding areas to buy alcohol late at night which increases the likelihood of drink-driving, speeding on the road, increased noise levels and increased frequency of traffic late at night, all of which will cause a disturbance to local residents in a residential area.

It is extremely likely to encourage those with anti-social behaviour to the vicinity to purchase alcohol late at night and be disruptive on or around the premises of the petrol station thus affecting the peace and safety of local residents. There would also be an increased risk of car accidents and individuals suffering injuries as a result of this.

The pavement outside of the petrol station is regularly used by pedestrians, and substantially large numbers of school age children walking to the nearby Etonbury Academy School on a daily basis, Arlesey Road being the direct route available to the children of Stotfold. The approval of the licence would lead to a high risk of increased litter and debris that could include broken glass, bottles, cans or other potential health hazards laying along the pavement. This could potentially increase the risk of children or adults injuring themselves.

### **Questions and concerns**

Will the petrol station be employing additional staff? It would be very risky if there was just one member of staff on duty on the premises to monitor the petrol station premises during the hours of the proposed extended licence.

Would these staff be trained to handle thefts, crime, other antisocial behaviour? Ensuring they do not sell alcohol to those under the legal drinking age limit?

Will their staff training accreditation be verifiable, and open to regular inspection to ensure compliance?

Would increase CCTV be installed in the petrol station? If so, we would not want CCTV cameras positioned so that they are infringing on our privacy by looking into our garden that backs on to the petrol station.

Yours faithfully,

