

## Appendix C11

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Public Protection

**REF:- Application to vary a premises licences.**

**MRH Stotfold 65 & 67 Arlesey Road, Stotfold, SG5 4HB.**

Please find enclosed 3 A4 sheets of photographs.

Dear Sir or Madam,

We were dismayed to see the above mentioned application, taped to the front door of the Esso petrol station. We must state that we do have a vested interest in opposing the application as we live [REDACTED]

We have lived in this house for over thirty years, and during that time, on at least two occasions we have supplied blankets and emergency lighting to the fire brigade, while they cut seriously injured people from their cars, police and ambulances were also in attendance. This was immediately outside the garage. These and many other incidents were proved to be due to drunken driving.

On the field on the opposite side of the road, work has started on building the relocated "Stotfold football club" and its associated buildings, including its licenced club house. So that when it closes of an evening, along with those thrown out at closing time by the pub just a hundred metres along the road, the opportunity to continue their binge drinking and anti-social behaviour would unfortunately be at hand.

On two occasions within the last ten years a number of cars parked in The Gardens, adjacent to our house have been damaged by "Keying"(scraping a key or sharp object across the paintwork), on the last occasion the damage to my wife's car cost in excess of £2,300 to repair. The police lent and installed two covert cctv cameras, for six months they have since been removed, however they recommended that we install our own, which we have done. They also said that they believed it was the work of young people after closing time from the local pub.

We believe the above three paragraphs relate to the first three licencing objectives. Photographs, figs 2 through fig 5 along with the notes, show evidence the breeching of all the licencing objectives are going on now, without it being a 24 hour operation.

Before the garage had its front lighting gantry erected we were contacted by Mid Beds Council in a response to our objection to the gantry and rearrangement of the forecourt. We were assured that the lights would be extinguished by 23:00pm and not switched on again until 07:00a.m. because the garage only had a trading licence for those hours, because it was situated in a residential neighbourhood. Those are the hours the garage still currently trade. We would like you to confirm that this is not a ploy by using you to change their operating hours. The lights from the garage cause a great deal of light

pollution, as figs 6-11 show. The garage is surrounded by residential houses, each of which share boundaries with the garage. Often rubbish is dropped on our side of the 20 inch wall (just right for people to drop their rubbish after either eating, drinking or smoking). We know that for a fact that drugs are taken, and traided outside. Fig. 3 shows some aluminium foil used by a cocaine user, (but we cannot prove this). We do know however that in "The Gardens" alongside our property on some evenings a car or van will pull up for a couple of minutes, until another vehicle pulls up, and within a minute, after the drivers spoken and a transaction made, they drive off in different directions. If however I walk out to my car the other vehicles disappear very quickly. **Please look at the bigger picture.**

Your's faithfully

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.





Arlesey Road

ESSO garage.

New football club.

**Fig. 1 Layout**



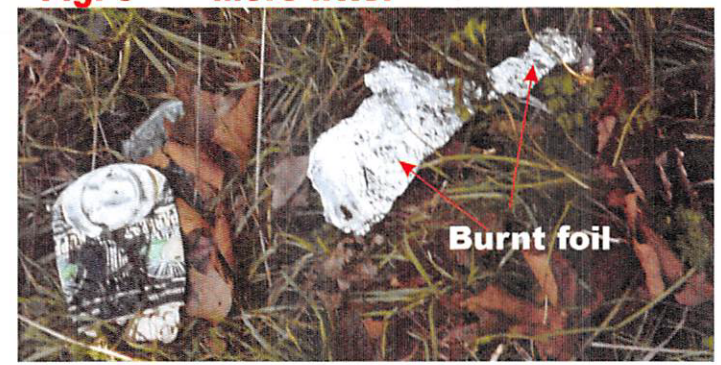
**Fig 2 Part of the daily litter collection**

**Fig 4 Typical daily rubbish**



**At least twice a week there are glass beer bottles, some times broken, purchased from the garage. All this on the public pavement or gully of the road, a definite danger to passing school children.**

**Fig. 3 More litter**



**Fig. 5 Yet more litter**

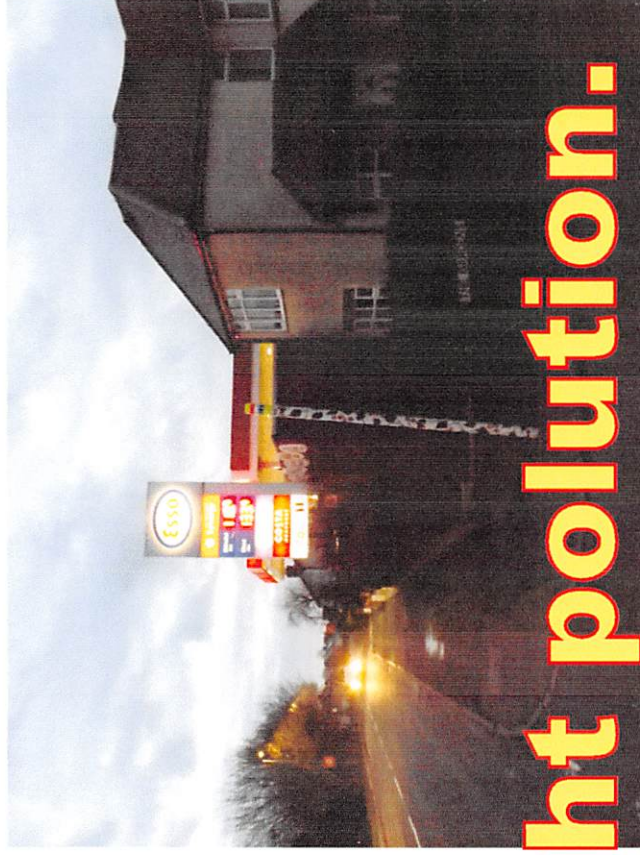


**Application to vary the premises licence at:- ESSO garage. 67 Arlesey Road, Stotfold. Sg5 4HB. (bearing in mind, they only trade now from 07:00 to 23:00)**





**Fig. 6 Bright light**



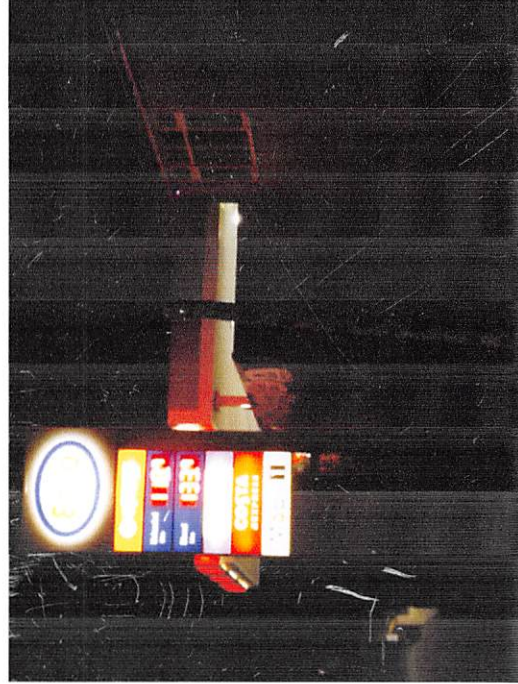
**Fig. 7 Bright even in the morning**

**Figs 6-8 were taken at 07:05 a.m. on 11th Feb. 2019.**

## **Gantry (let alone forecourt lights) 67 Arlesey Road, Stotfold.**

**Figs 9-11 were taken at 22:00 p.m. on 11th Feb.2019**

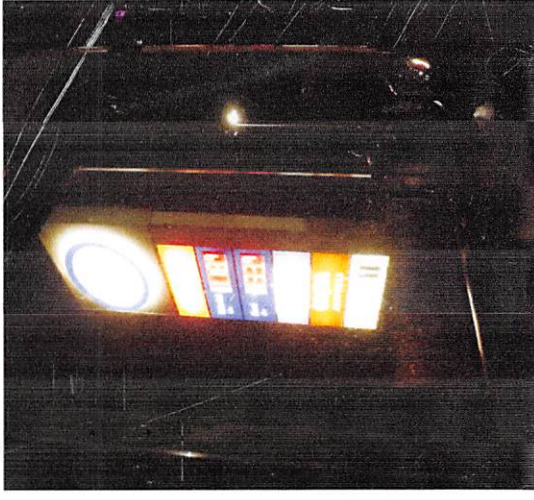
**Fig. 9 Bright light**



**Fig. 10 And in the evening.**



**Fig. 11 Same as above**



**Fig. 8 from inside.  
the bedroom window**



**MRH Stotfold  
SG5 4HB  
(Please don't  
increase their  
hours)**



Fig. 12 Plenty of evidence of smoking, hidden from staff (on site, even though it is petrol station, this during the day.



Fig.13 Drains getting blocked by litter.

Fig.14 Plenty of hidden area from staff. Fig. 15 Plenty of hidden seating for tobacco and **drugs** (**Oh yes it does go on**). The garage is surrounded by residential properties.

Fig.16

