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To The Licensing Department

I am writing with objection to the recent licensing application by Asda, Morris Square, Wolstanton, to extend their alcohol licence.

I am affected as I live directly opposite the store, being their closest neighbour. and since the 2011 planning permission, parking spaces have been moved adjacent to my property, being the prime spaces to park.

The reasons for the objection are in line with the 4 main objectives of the licencing;

1. Although alcohol related crime in this area is minimal, there are issues with crowds gathering around the store and youths congregating. Anti-social behaviour reports are common in this area, and by extending the hours will surely encourage more people to come to the store later in the evening, to buy alcohol, closer to pub closing hours and will encourage further drinking and congregation of youths in the area.
2. This local area, at this time of night is very quiet, BUT, as the darker nights approach, public safety will be at risk, not just for the general public, but also for the staff of the store, as already we have seen many occasion of theft and other criminal activity during the evening when the store is quieter than the day and when staff are at a minimum.
3. By encouraging more people to come to the area later in the evening, anti-social behaviour will increase. Is there really a need for such a late licence in this quite area, when Asda already have a 24 hour store 5 minutes' walk away, with no risk of upsetting the local community at Morris Square.
4. By extending the hours of this store from 8pm to 10pm has already had a detrimental effect on my children as they are awoken many times due to the patrons of the car park. The spaces are less than 3 metres away from my property. People park and leave engines running whilst the partners or friends go into the store and is common to have radios on loud. This causes disturbance to my children and by extending the hours this will make the situation go on later into the evening. We have spoken to environmental health and Asda regarding this, but as it is Asda's patron using the car park, little can be done to reduce it, so I feel very upset that they are willing to extend the hours knowing that their closet neighbour already has issues with the opening hours.

I do hope that the licensing committee see sense in not granting this application and look forward to hearing the conclusion.

Yours Thankfully
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