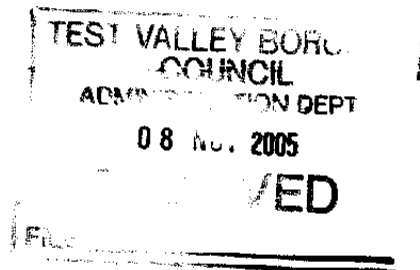


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The Kebab House, 5 Church Street, Romsey licence to trade

Dear Mr White,

As a local resident I would like to request that the Kebab House's licence to trade be brought into line with that of Deep Blue the fish and chip shop in Church Street that closes at 10.00 pm.

The Kebab House currently trades between 12.00 pm and 12.00 am take away foods and soft drinks. The grounds for the change to the licence are:-

Environmental Health - canned drinks and food bought at the Kebab House including meat, chips, ketchup sachets and onions the distinctive white wrapping paper are dropped by "diners" in an area that includes the approaches to Romsey Abbey, Church Street, the Market, Abbey Walk, Lortemore Place Car Park and Portersbridge Street. It is not only unsightly, it attracts vermin and poses a hazard to dogs. The pavement outside the Kebab House, hard wood chairs by the Abbey and the entrance to the Citizen's Advice Bureau officers in Abbey Walk and other shops are now stained with fat from the dropped food. It has become a regular morning chore for some shopkeepers to clean up the pavement before they open.

Duty of Care - during the day the shop attracts teenagers who congregate on the narrow pavement blocking it for pedestrians with their persons and bicycles. After pub closing time it is a focus for drinkers with all the potential for vandalism and violence. Since it has been trading windows have been broken at Photo Flare, The Abbey Hotel and two at Oasis the Christian Bookshop all close to the Kebab House. The automatic lavatory in Lortemore Place car park has been jammed open with a refuse bin and it has been put out of action by arson. Vandalism and graffiti has appeared on the pavements in the vicinity. With drunk customers come the inevitable scuffles and minor assaults. Romsey Police could probably give a clearer picture of these problems.

Traffic congestion – though there is a single yellow line outside the shop takes regular deliveries during the day. Church Street is narrow at this point and this causes congestion – as do customers who park when they are buying kebabs. If a car is parked and customers gathered on the pavement a pedestrian or mother with a push chair is either forced out onto Church Street or to the far pavement.

Town character – Romsey is a historic market town and Church Street has several long established and attractive shops. These include a jeweller, beautician, chiropractor, bookshop, quality shoe and clothes shop, interior design shop, the Heritage Centre with King John's House and tea shop and finally the approaches to Romsey Abbey the town's greatest asset. The Kebab House, its customers and the litter they generate and damage they cause do nothing to enhance the character of the town and local area or attract customers to these shops or the Abbey.

It should be noted that none of these problems existed before The Kebab House began trading when the premises was a well run Indian restaurant that was open until midnight.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience,

William Fowler

Yours sincerely
William Fowler.