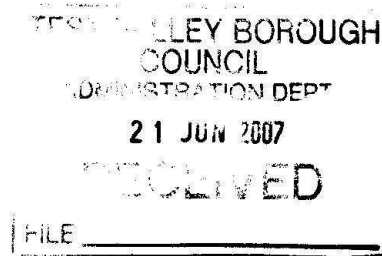


First letter

The Residents
"Mischief Corner"
2 Budds Lane (House)
Romsey
Hampshire
SO51 0HA



17 June 2007

Dear Mr White

Objection to Application for the Sale of Alcohol Licensing at Esso Garage, Greatbridge Road, Romsey, Hants

We would like to place on record our objection to the application for the sale of alcohol license between the hours of 0600 to 0000 hours at the above garage.

This is due to the following reasons:

Anti Social Behaviour

1. We already have problems at weekends from drunken individuals (mainly in groups) who visit the garage to buy alcohol between 10.30 p.m. to 12.00 a.m. This leads to aggressive behaviour, shouting, swearing and sometimes fighting in the vicinity of the garage and nearby streets. On occasions this leads to vandalism of street furniture and private property.

Discarded Rubbish

2. A trail of discarded empty beer cans and litter from the garage is often left on the footpath, the verge outside our house and in our garden, and when this "On the Run Café" opens this will increase. Since the garage has been closed for refurbishment the discarding of the above has disappeared.

Driving at Excessive Speed and in a Dangerous Manner

3. This application will lead to an increase in traffic on an already busy main road by customers visiting the garage late at night to buy alcohol. These vehicles often leave the garage forecourt at speed, screeching tyres etc adding to the noise, disruption and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity.

Given the potential risk associated with driving with excess alcohol it seems absurd for a petrol station to sell alcohol at all.

If this license is granted for these hours then the problems above will accelerate and nearby residents will have to live with consequences!

Yours Sincerely

The residents of 2 Budds Lane (House), Romsey:

Malcolm William Thompson

Dorothy Thompson

Marc Thompson

Mr M White
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Second letter

The Residents
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26 June 2007

Licensing Act 2003 – Application for new premises licence – Esso service station, Greatbridge Road, Romsey

We would like to object strongly to the Esso garage being granted a license to sell alcohol for off the premises consumption between the hours of 0600 and 2400. We also object to alcohol being sold for consumption on the premises during these hours if this is also applied for.

The reasons for objecting to this application are:

1. Increase in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the vicinity of the Esso service station and on the local estates due to alcohol misuse.
2. If this application were to be agreed the numbers of people being drunk and disorderly in Romsey would increase. It also encourages more drink driving by irresponsible drivers.
3. Increased traffic flows, reckless driving and noise in the vicinity of the Esso service station, particularly late at night, by motorists visiting the service station to buy alcohol. A number of motorists drive in a reckless and irresponsible manner often entering and leaving the service station at speed with wheels screeching, music thumping and engines revving. No consideration is paid to the 30 mph speed limit.
- 4 Increase in litter and rubbish much of which is smashed alcohol bottles and discarded beer cans. Much of this rubbish is discarded into the gardens of local domestic properties.

Aside from increasing the sales and subsequent profits of Esso we do not see any positive reasons for granting an alcohol license to the service station. To do so will result in the problems detailed above and will deteriorate the quality of life for residents in the vicinity of the service station.

We hope that such a license will not be entertained for these premises.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm, Dorothy and Marc Thompson