

**ANNEX 15**

Dear Sally

Thank you for your e-mail of the 15th June. I have detailed below my objections to the expansion plans of the Greatbridge/Esso station in Greatbridge Road, Romsey. Thank you for organising opposition to this development plan and I will be pleased to provide any further help or information if required. Our police station contact is Jackie Connell who has visited Grayling Mead to express the constabulary's concerns of this plan.

Sincerely  
Roger

From: Roger Bunney, 35 Grayling Mead, Fishlake, Romsey, Hants SO51 7RU

Dear Sir

Ref: Development plans for the Greatbridge Service Station [Esso],  
Greatbridge Road, ROMSEY, Hants

I wish to raise strong objection to certain aspects of the redevelopment of the above site.

My objection relates to the sale of alcohol and to the intention of running a 24 hour cafe on this site.

The sale of alcohol from the Greatbridge Garage has in the past 2 years resulted in extensive anti-social behaviour in the North Romsey area and across the Fishlake residential area and the Romsey Industrial Estate. Such behaviour is alcohol related and much of the drink is sourced from the Greatbridge Garage. Grayling Mead has suffered greatly in the past 2 years from anti-social behaviour from drunken and out of control youths, much the drink having been obtained from the Greatbridge Garage. This is confirmed by the sight of youths returning from the garage area with drink, the bags are then scattered across our open space, the bags clearly display the ESSO logo.

Friday and Saturday nights have been troublesome, fights, screaming, drunken behaviour, threats, youths laying in the residential roads in drink, drug sniffing, minor damage. I have been threatened with violence when over a dozen youths were on my property, graffiti on walls, fights in the road, youths arriving in cars, parents arriving in cars to pick up their drunk kids. At least 1 family have sold and left the area due to the ingress of youth onto their property and weekend nights disrupted by the noise. Bottles, cans, cartons, food wrappers are left strewn across the area.

The Greatbridge Garage acts as a magnet for the pond life youth that appear to have no purpose in life other than cause disruption and damage.

The sale of alcohol should therefore be banned from this roadside establishment. The opening hours of a cafe alongside the A3057 should be restricted from 0600 to 2200hours, this is not a holiday or busy route, cafe activity at a late night hour will therefore be minimal, giving encouragement for local youths to congregate at the Garage as an informal centre for refreshment and drinking, once they depart these premises we as local residents pick up the trouble. Unfortunately once away from the Garage ESSO have no legal responsibility for their clients, Esso and their franchisee are aware of the problems that they are knowingly causing but refuse to remedy the situation, to clear the rubbish.

I therefore strongly object to the sale of alcohol at the Greatbridge Garage. I strongly object to 24 hour opening of the proposed cafe area which will also act as the magnet in creating antisocial behaviour in the North Romsey area.

Yours faithfully

Roger Bunney